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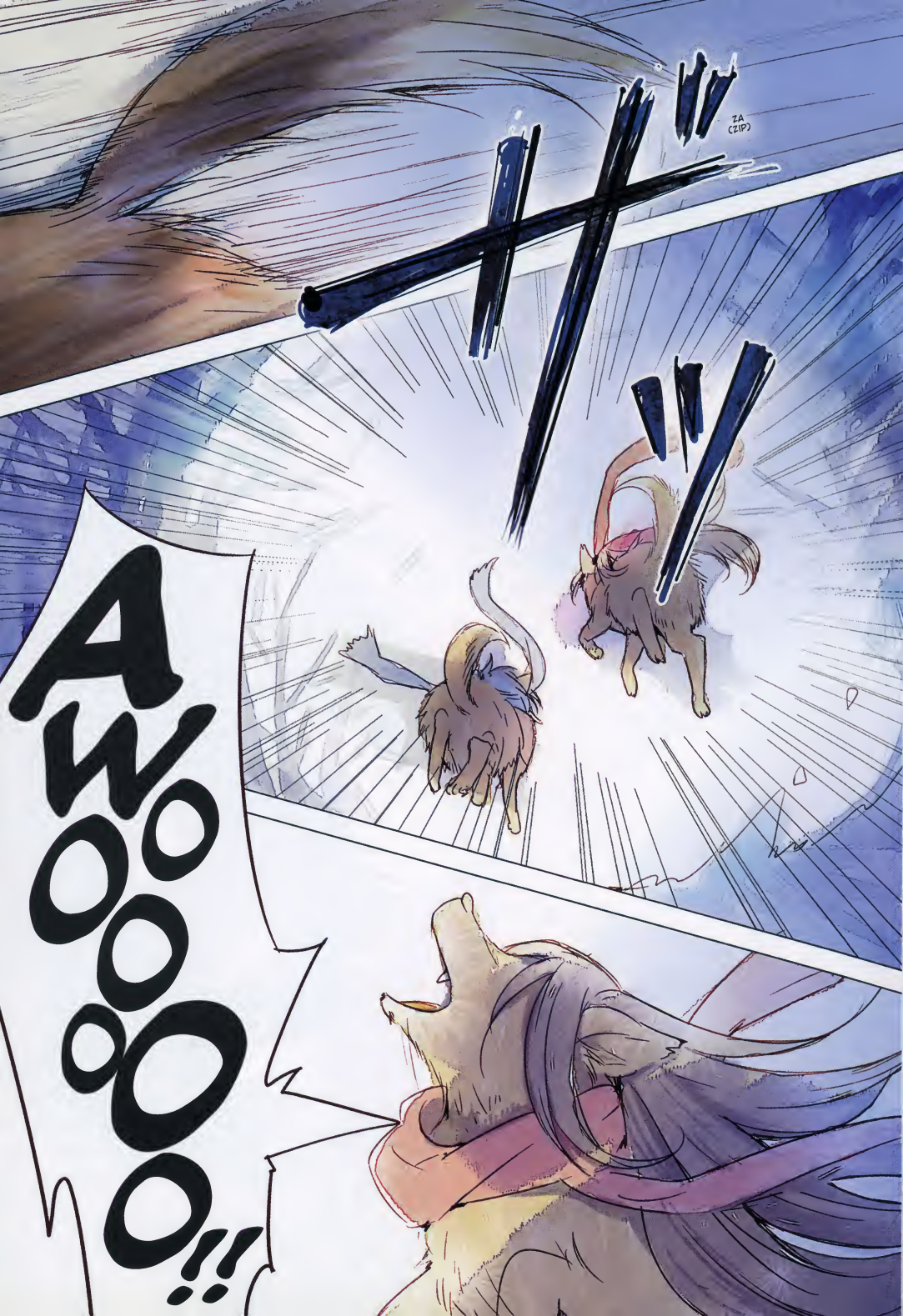
AME!
MOOOOOM!
COME
ONNNNN
—!!

MY LITTLE BROTHER, AME, AND I, YUKI...
...HAD A SECRET WE COULDN'T SHARE WITH ANYONE.
THAT WAS...
WAH!
KYAAAAAAH!
GORON (TUMBLE)
ごろん
GORON
ごろん
ZUSAAAA (KSSSSH)
ずさ


ZA
(ZIP)
AWOOOOO!!

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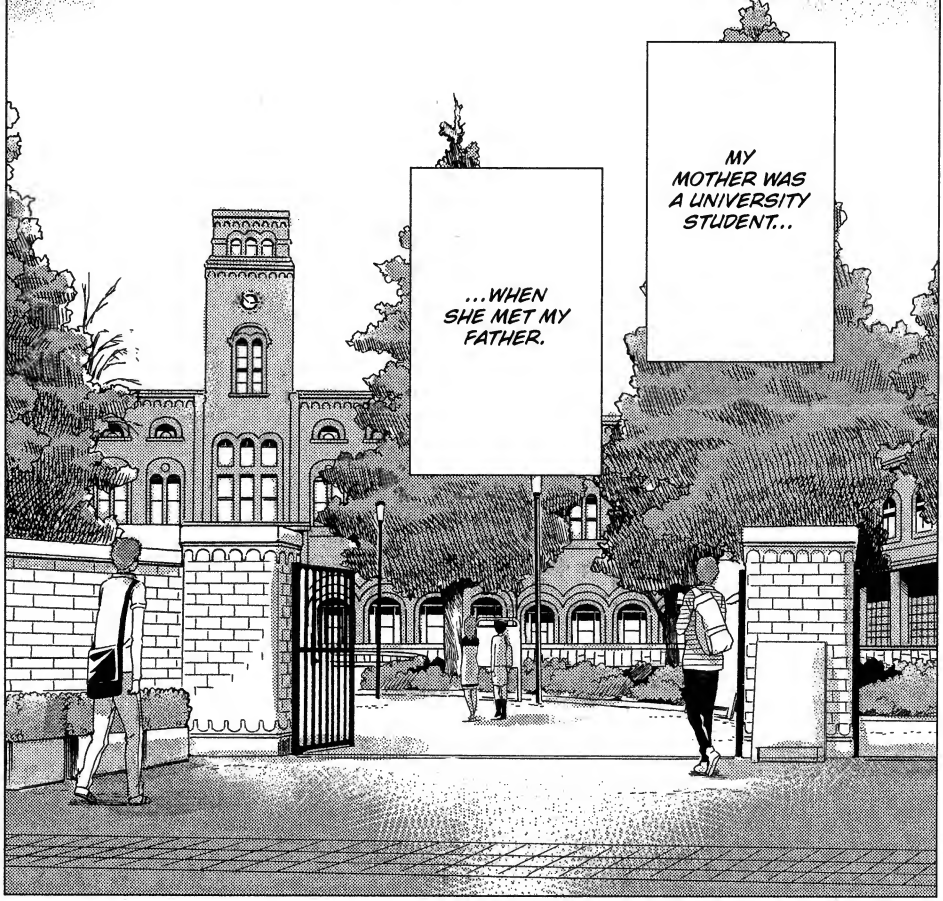
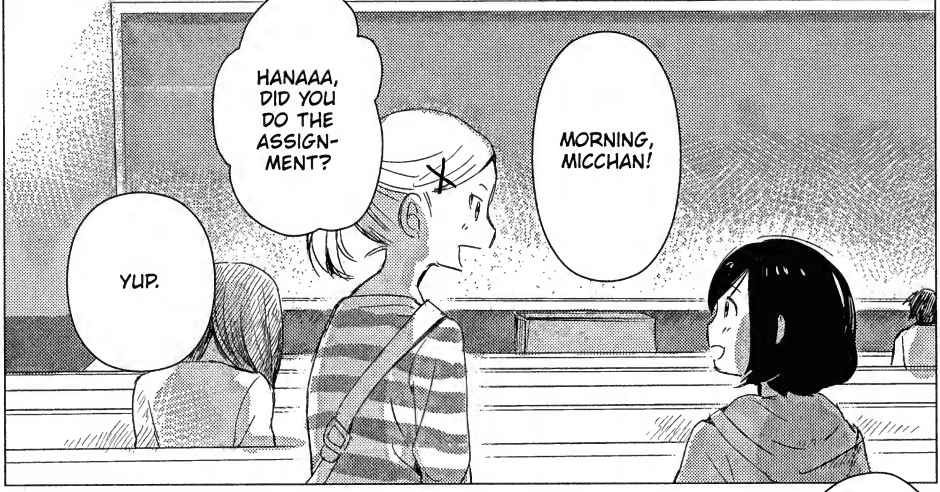
AH HA HA HA HA!
AH HA HA HA HA!
KYAAAAAAH!


MY MOTHER WAS A UNIVERSITY STUDENT...
...WHEN SHE MET MY FATHER.

HANAAA!
MORNIIING!


HANAAA, DID YOU DO THE ASSIGN-MENT?
MORNING, MICCHAN!
YUP.

OH GOODY!
SORRY! LET ME COPY IT!
COME ON! AGAIN?

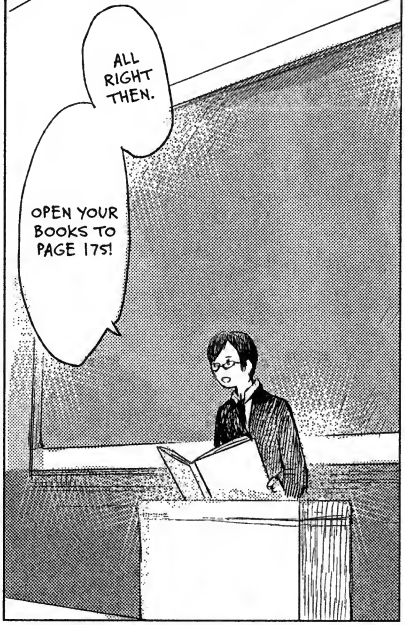
IT'S 'COS YOU'RE SO RELIABLE. YOU'RE A TOOOTAL LIFESAVER!
HONESTLY!
YOU NEED TO DO YOUR OWN WORK SOMETIMES...
ガタ
GATA (CLATTER)
ガタ

...MICCHA.....

PA (FWD)
ぱっ

...I WONDER WHAT YEAR HE'S IN?

HE WAS HERE LAST WEEK TOO.



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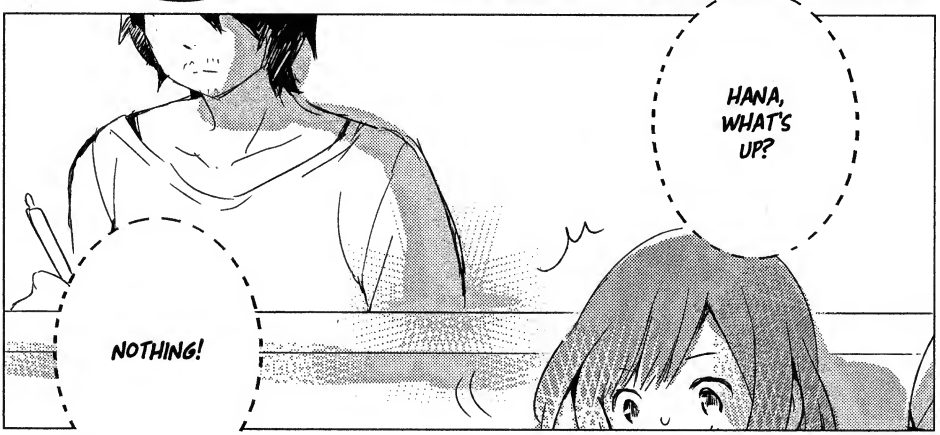
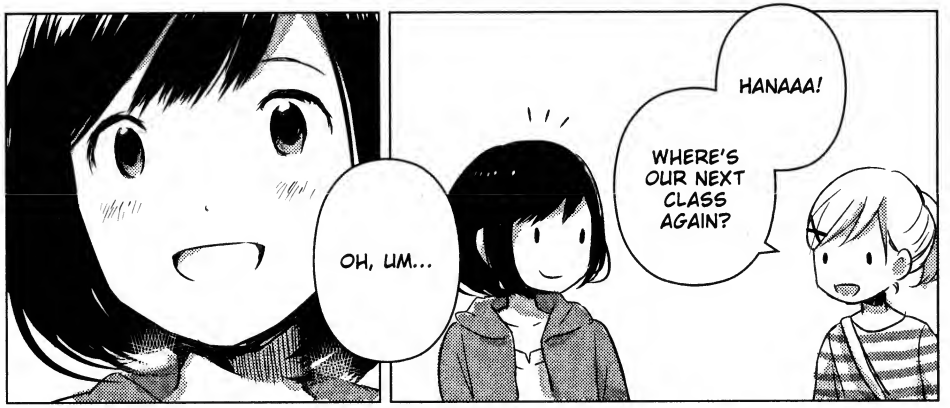
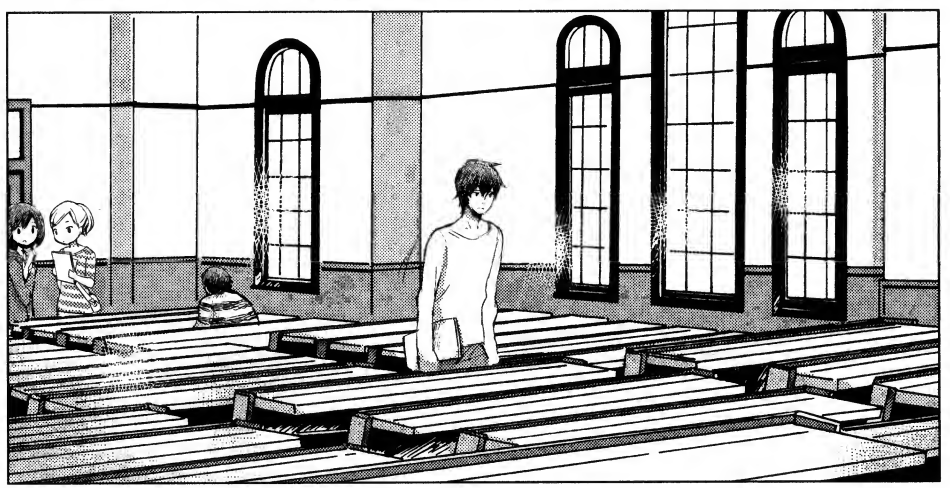


OKAY, THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY.
DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR ATTENDANCE SLIPS BEFORE YOU GO!


HANAAA!
WHERE'S OUR NEXT CLASS AGAIN?
OH, UM...



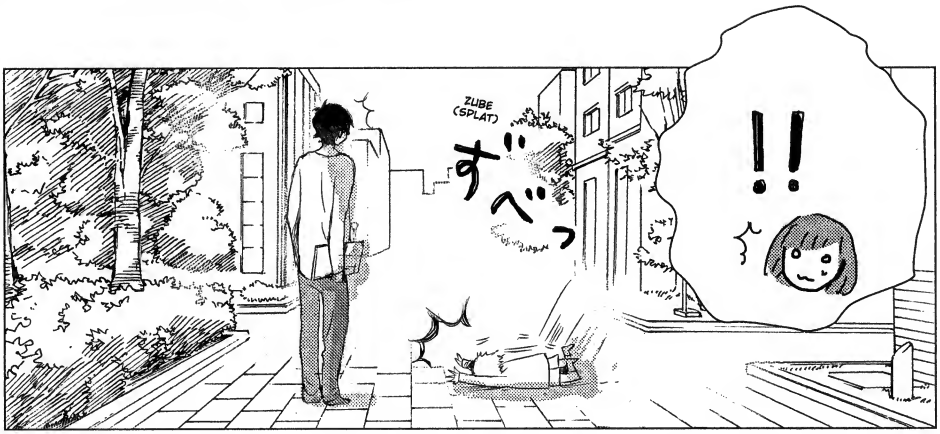
HANA, WHERE ARE YOU GOIIING?
GO ON AHEAD OF ME!
AH!!
HUH?
SUTA (STRIDE)
すた
SUTA
すた
SUTA
すた
W—
WAIT UP!
PATA (PATTER)
PATA
PATA

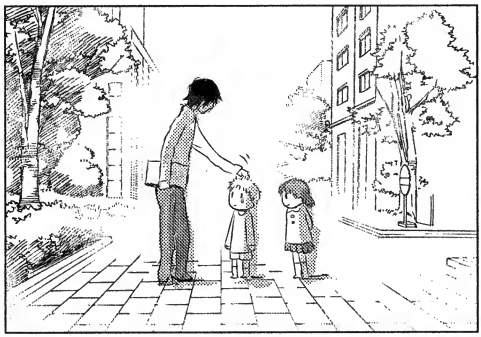
W—
PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE!

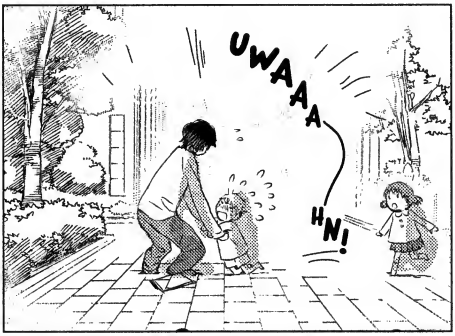
U-
UM...
...HERE.
IT'S AN ATTENDANCE SLIP.
IF YOU DON'T FILL IT OUT AND HAND IT IN, YOU WON'T GET CREDIT FOR SHOWING UP.
SO...
.....
.....I'M...

...NOT A STUDENT HERE.
...DO I STICK OUT?
THEN I WON'T COME ANYMORE.
.....

WHEEEE!
KYAH!
KYAH!


ZUBE
(SPLAT)
すべっ
!!




UWAAA
HN!

PHEW
...!

WAIT UP, PLEASE!
...WAS THERE SOMETHING ELSE?
UM!
UH...
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU BEING A STUDENT OR NOT.
BUT...

THAT CLASS...
...IS PRETTY HARD IF YOU DON'T HAVE A TEXTBOOK.
SO PLEASE SHARE MINE FROM NOW ON!
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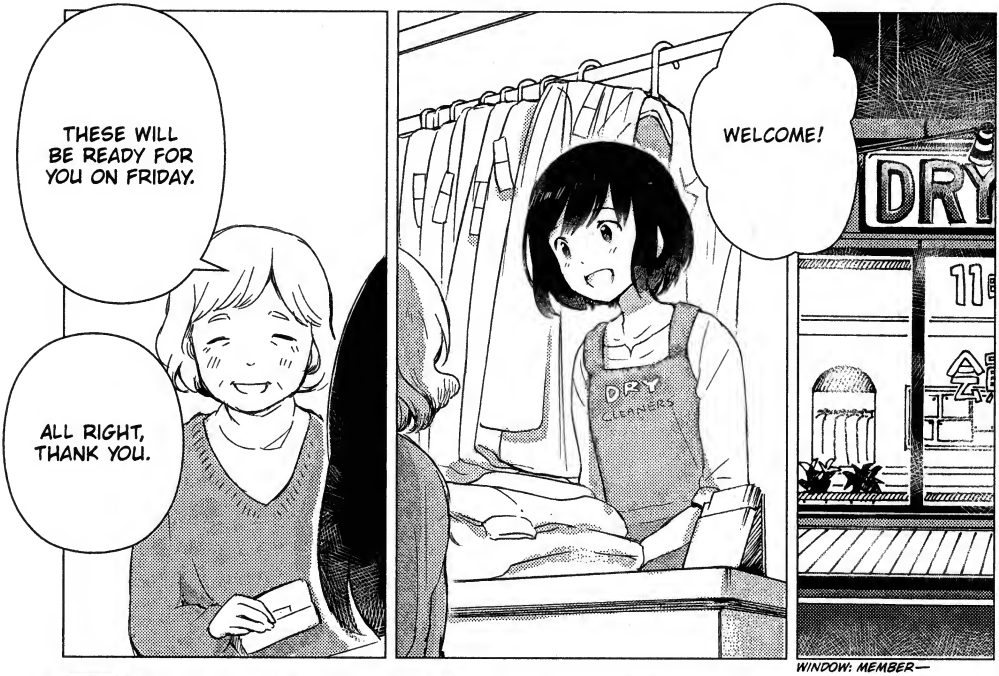
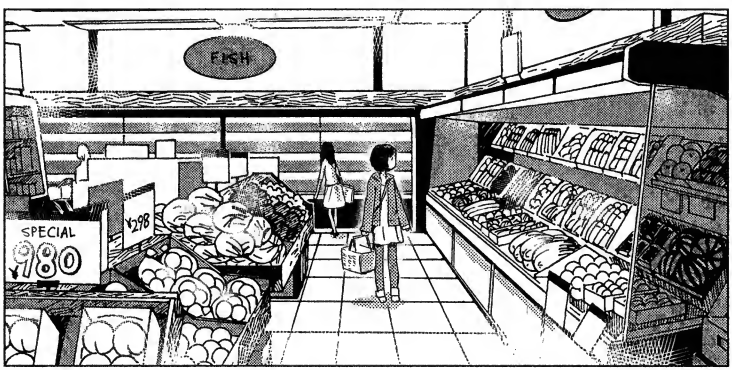
生物学の
BIOLOGY BOOK
第1集
細胞生物学
VOLUME I
CELLULAR BIOLOGY



WINDOW: MEMBER—

I WONDER...
.....
...IF HE'LL COME TO CLASS TOMORROW TOO.

OH! NO!
I'M SORRY!
IS SOMETHING WRONG?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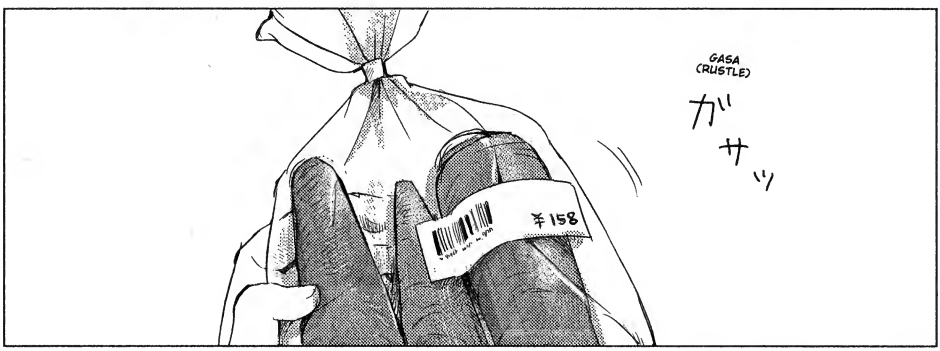
GASA (RUSTLE)
ガサッ
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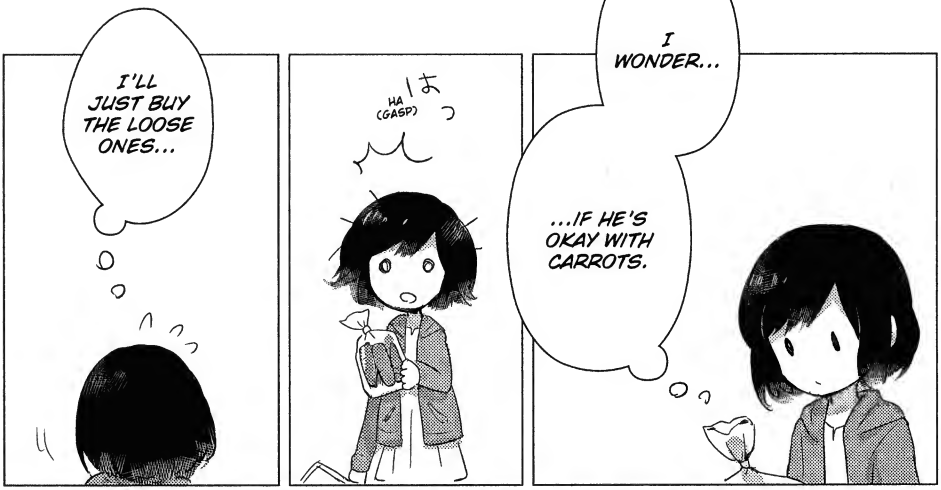
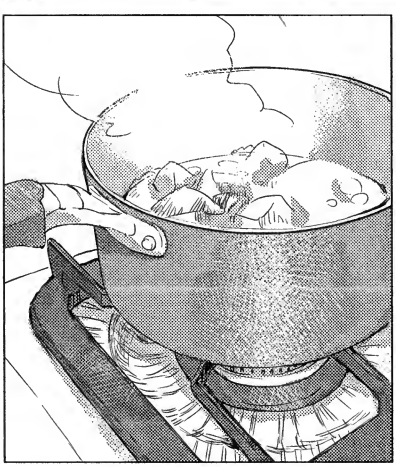
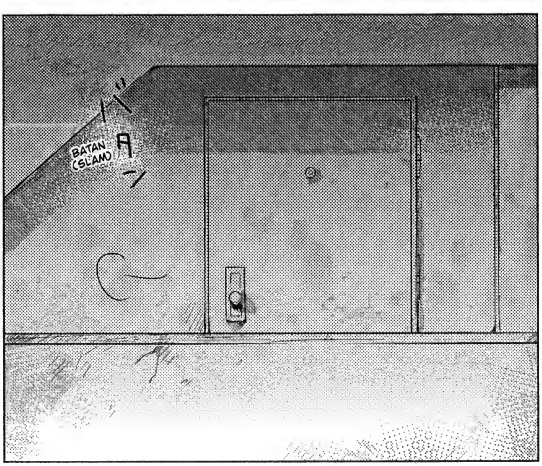
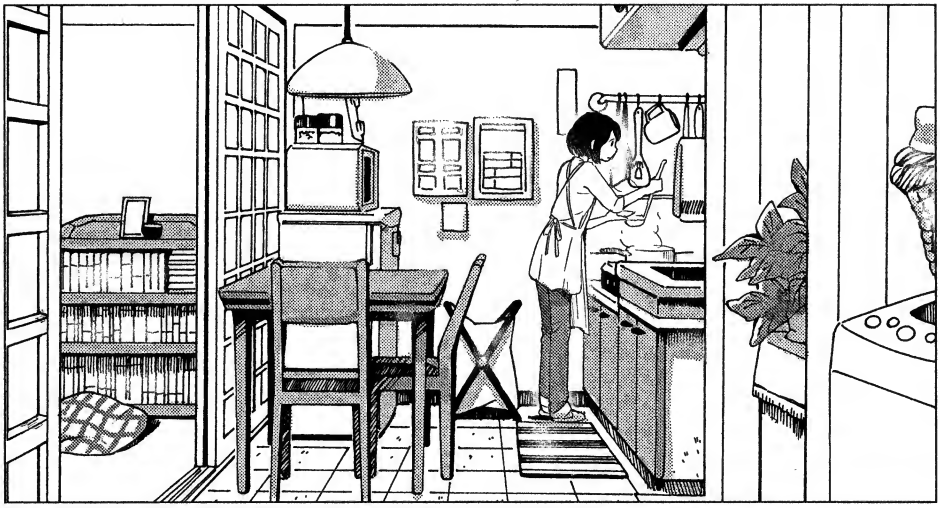

I'LL JUST BUY THE LOOSE ONES...
HA (GASP)
はっ
I WONDER...
...IF HE'S OKAY WITH CARROTS.




BATAN (SLAM)



MM.
THAT'S GOOD.

I WONDER...
MOGU (MUNCH)
もぐ
MOGU
もぐ
...WHAT HIS FAVORITE FOOD IS.

HA (GASP)
はっ

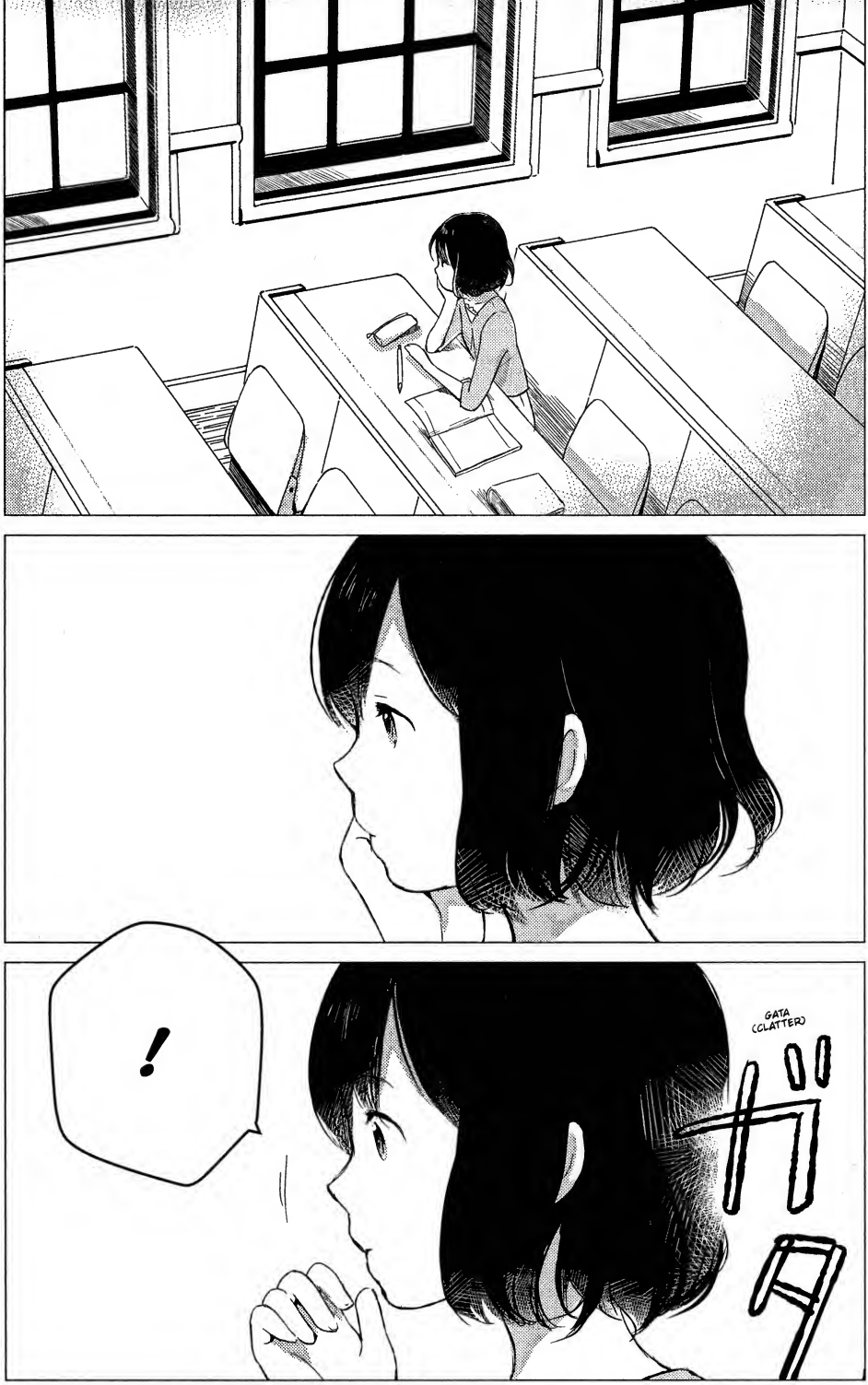
PARA (FLIP)
I WONDER...
HA
...IF HE LIKES READING TOO.

BASA (FWOP)

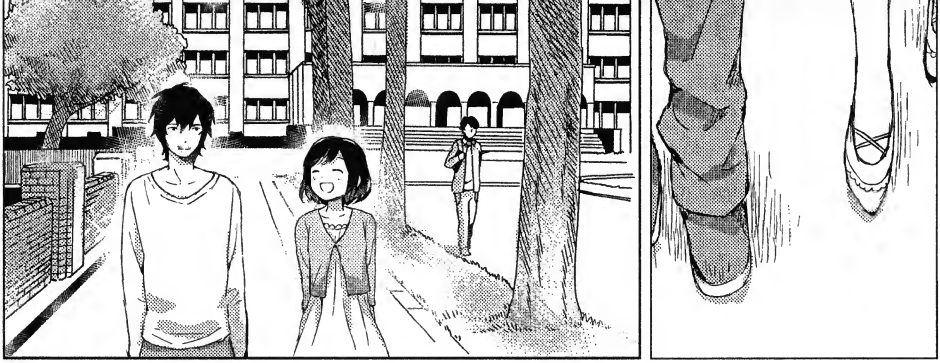
HRNNNNN.
...I WONDER...
...WHAT KIND OF CLOTHES HE LIKES ON A GIRL...

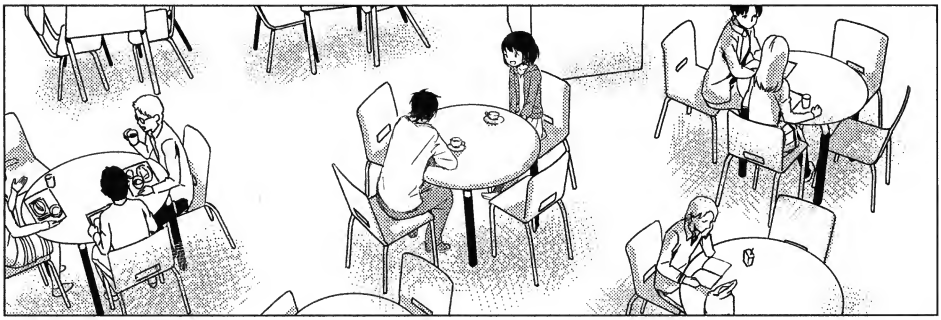
TURN RIGHT THERE.
OKAY.
CAREFUL, IT'S HEAVY.
ONE! TWO! THREE!
BRING THAT OVER THERE.
GOT IT!
RRRR!
うー
WOOF!
わんわんわん
WOOF!
WOOF!

HAAH!
HFF!
.....
HE'S NOT HERE YET.
OKAY, LET'S BEGIIIN.
THE LECTURE'S STARTING.


!
GATA
(CLATTER)

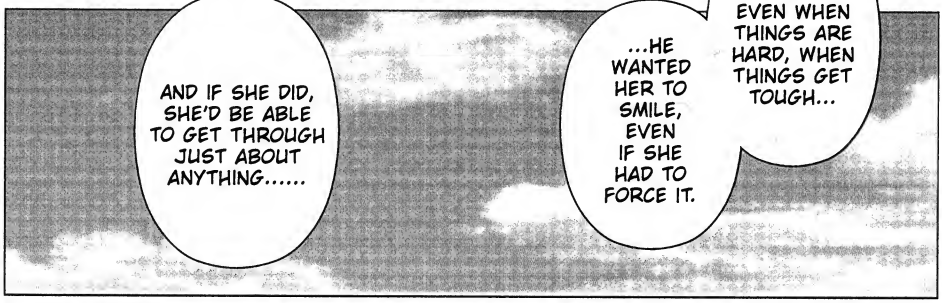
I'M RUNNING LATE.

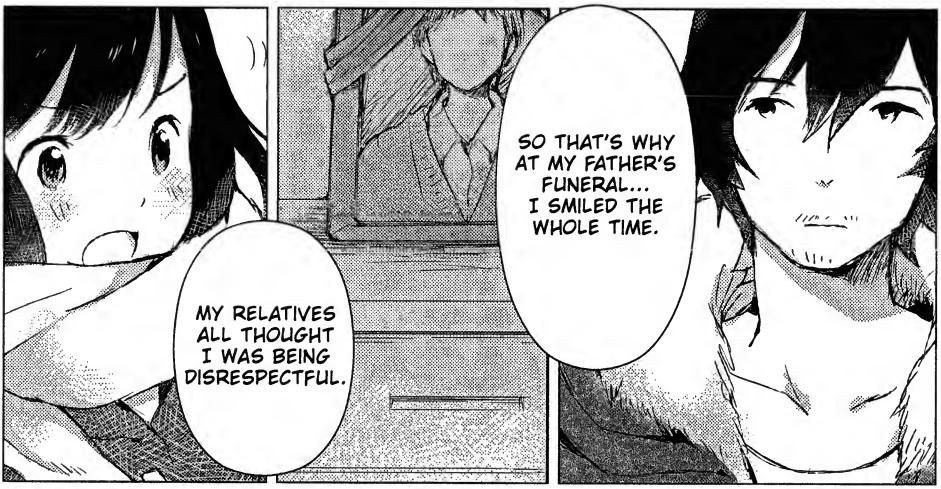




—SO WHY HANA?
YOU MEAN MY NAME?
YEAH.

WHEN I WAS BORN, THE COSMOS WERE BLOOMING IN THE GARDEN.
AND WHEN MY DAD SAW THEM...
...HE SAID...
...HE HOPED HE WOULD RAISE A CHILD WHO WAS ALWAYS READY WITH A SMILE, LIKE A FLOWER.


HE SAID, EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE HARD, WHEN THINGS GET TOUGH...
...HE WANTED HER TO SMILE, EVEN IF SHE HAD TO FORCE IT.
AND IF SHE DID, SHE'D BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH JUST ABOUT ANYTHING.....


SO THAT'S WHY AT MY FATHER'S FUNERAL... I SMILED THE WHOLE TIME.
MY RELATIVES ALL THOUGHT I WAS BEING DISRESPECTFUL.

THEY GOT SO MAD AT ME...

I GUESS IT WAS KIND OF DISRESPECTFUL, HUH?

IT WASN'T DISRESPECTFUL.

HEH HEH HEH...

I'M GLAD.

AS A MOVER, I GET TO SEE ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE'S HOUSES.
THERE REALLY ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT ONES.
HOUSES WITH MONEY.
HOUSES WITHOUT.

HOUSES WITH HUGE FAMILIES.
HOUSES WITH ONE PERSON.
HOUSES WITH BABIES.
HOUSES WITH JUST OLD PEOPLE.

MUST BE NICE TO HAVE A HOUSE.
TO WALK IN AND SAY, "I'M HOME."

.....THEN...
...I'LL SAY "WELCOME BACK" TO YOU.

.....HANA.
HM?

THERE'S...
...SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU.
.....HUH?

CLOSE...
...YOUR EYES.
A LITTLE LONGER THAN THAT.
GYU (SQUEEZE)

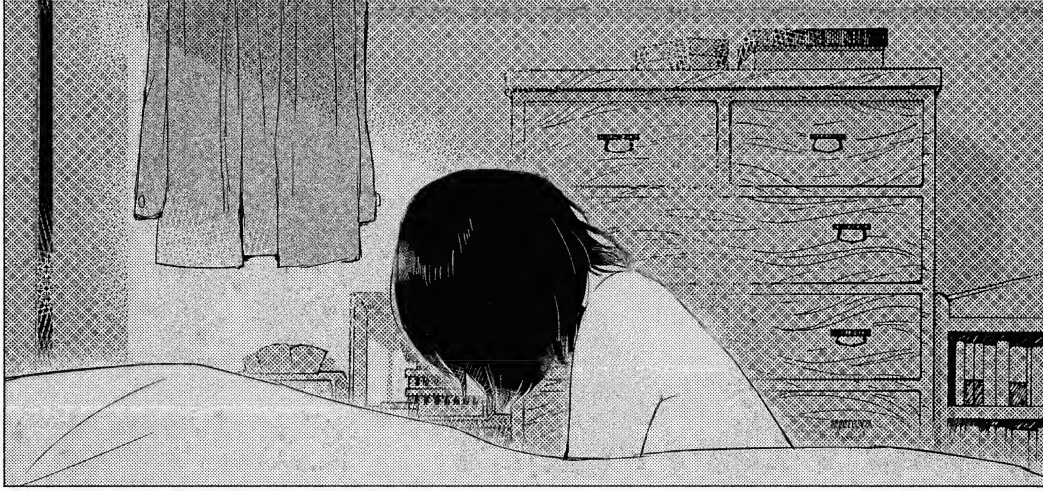
MY FATHER WAS...
...THE LAST DESCENDANT OF THE JAPANESE WOLVES THOUGHT TO HAVE GONE EXTINCT A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

WOLF
CHILDREN
AME & YUKI

ARE YOU SHOCKED?
ARE YOU GOING TO STOP SEEING ME?
FURU
FURU (SHAKE)
—I'M NOT SCARED.

Chapter 2 Birth

HIS FATHER WAS A MIX OF WOLF AND HUMAN.
HE WAS THE LAST OF HIS BLOODLINE.
AFTER THE EARLY DEATHS OF HIS PARENTS, HE WAS TAKEN IN BY RELATIVES WHO KNEW NONE OF THIS.
GROWING UP...
...HE HAD A LOT OF TROUBLE APPARENTLY.



EARLY THE FOLLOWING SUMMER
婦人科
—Yeah.
I was feeling incredibly nauseous.
So I came to the doctor's.
SIGN: GYNECOLOGIST—
But I was too scared to go in.

SIGN: COFFEE / TEA

HANA!!
HANA!!
WAH!

HEH
HEH!

...THE MOUNTAINS?
YEAH.
THAT'S WHERE I LIVED BEFORE I CAME TO TOKYO.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL.
OH!
I FORGOT! IT'LL BURN!

"YAKITORI"?
YUP!
YOU DIP IT IN THE SAUCE LIKE THIS.
THIS IS GREAT!
RIGHT?
...YOU'RE NOT HAVING ANY, HANA?
NO.
I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF AN APPETITE...

.....IS IT THE BABY?
NUH-UH.
I'M FINE.
SO YOU LIKED THE YAKITORI?
THEN I'LL MAKE IT AGAIN, OKAY?

HANA.
.....NN?
OH.
WELCOME HO—

I CAUGHT A PHEASANT.

TON (TNK)
.....WANT ME TO HELP?
NO, IT'S OKAY.
YOU SIT DOWN.

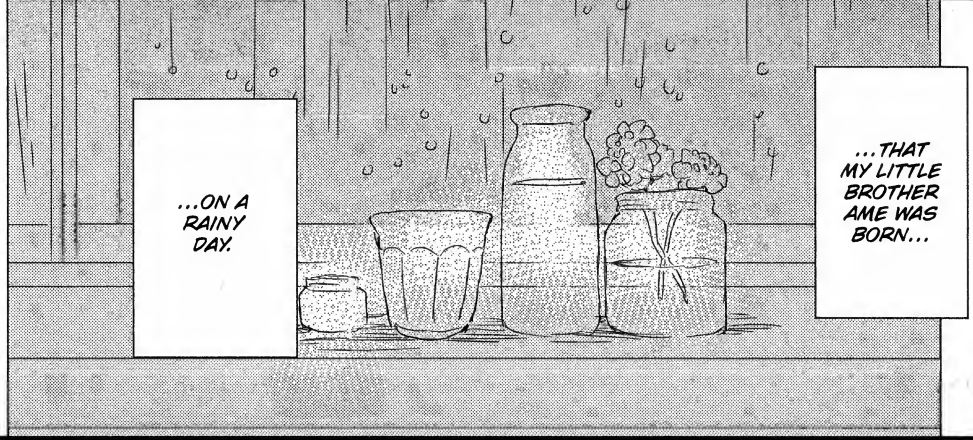
ふわ
FUWA (STEAM)
.....!
WOW!
.....I WONDER IF I'LL BE ABLE TO EAT IT.
BUT...
THIS LOOKS GREAT...

.....
THIS IS GOOD...
THIS IS REALLY GOOD!
ZURU (SLURP)
ずるっ
OOH, HOT!

MY
MOTHER...

...GAVE BIRTH TO ME...
...IN THAT TINY APARTMENT.
AH...
AH!
I'M SO GLAD YOU WERE BORN WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS.

I WONDER IF YUKI WILL BE KIND?
SHE'LL PROBABLY BE SMART.
WE'LL KEEP HER SAFE UNTIL SHE GETS BIGGER.
MM-HMM!
IT WAS THE FOLLOWING SPRING...



AND THEN ONE DAY, OUR FATHER SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED.

!
GASHA (KACHAK)
ガシャッ
GORO (RRR)
ゴロ...
ZAAAAAAA
アアアアアア
.....
HIS WALLET...

WHAT DO I DO?
WHERE IS HE?
"I'LL BE BACK SOON."
BASHA (SPLASH)
♫
ばしゃ

A DOG MAYBE?
WHAT'S THAT?
.....!!!

ZA (FWSH)
ZA

STOP!!
THAT MAN IS...
DON'T TOUCH IT.
IT'S ALREADY DEAD.
...!!
MY MOTHER SAID...
...WE COULDN'T HAVE A FUNERAL.

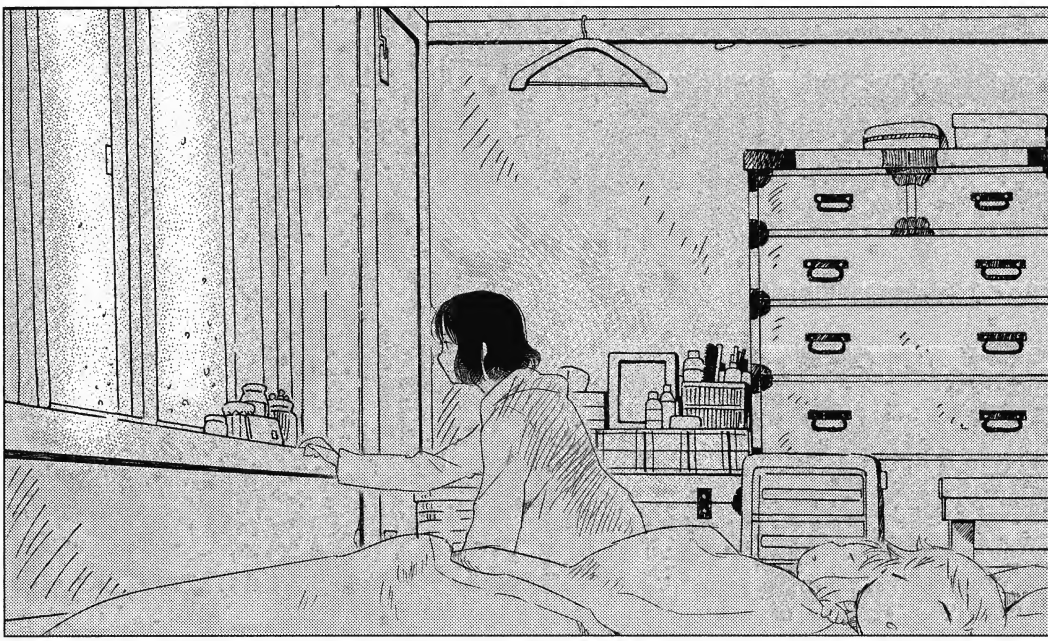
—THAT DAY...
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT MY FATHER WAS THINKING.
MAYBE HE WAS ACTING ON AN INSTINCT TO HUNT FOR FOOD FOR HIS OFFSPRING.
MAYBE HE WANTED TO FEED SOMETHING NUTRITIOUS TO MY MOTHER, WHO HAD JUST GIVEN BIRTH.

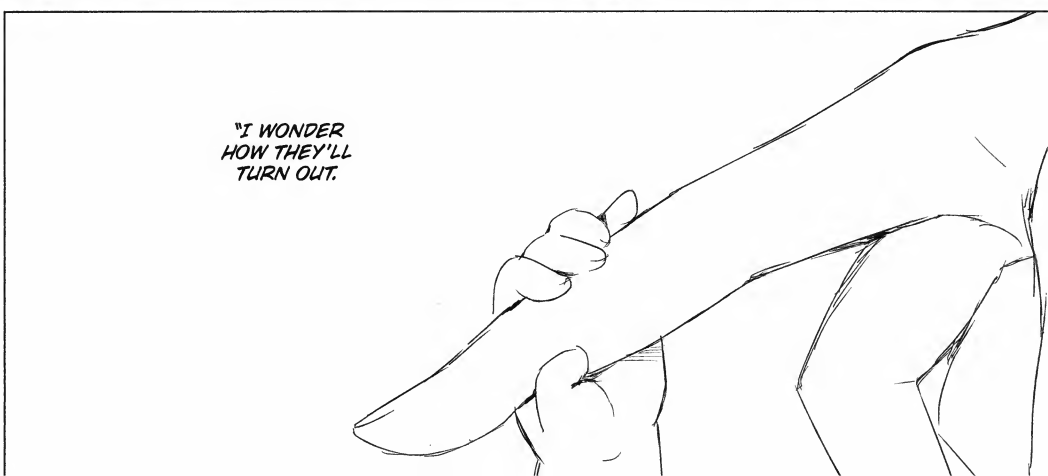
.....!
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
.....
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WAIT...
AME AND...
...YUKI ARE WAITING FOR YOU.
HEY...
COME HOME?
PLEASE!

運転免許証
DRIVER'S LICENSE
"TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE KIDS FOR ME."
MY MOTHER HEARD IT...

...AS IF HE WERE THERE SAYING IT.




"I WONDER HOW THEY'LL TURN OUT.

"I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT AHEAD OF US.
"NURSE, TEACHER, BAKER, WHATEVER.
"I WANT THEM TO DO WORK THEY LOVE.
"BUT I ALSO KNOW...
"...IT'LL ALL WORK OUT."

—OKAY!
LEAVE IT TO ME.
I'LL RAISE THEM RIGHT!

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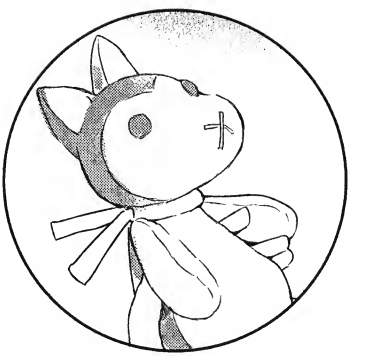
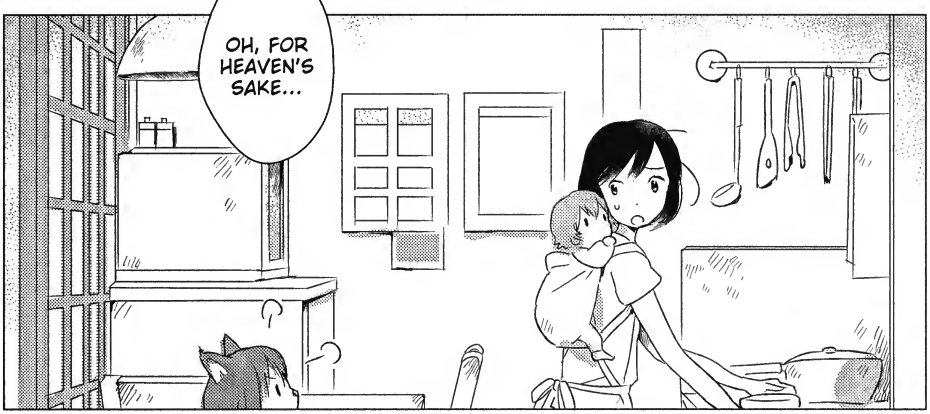
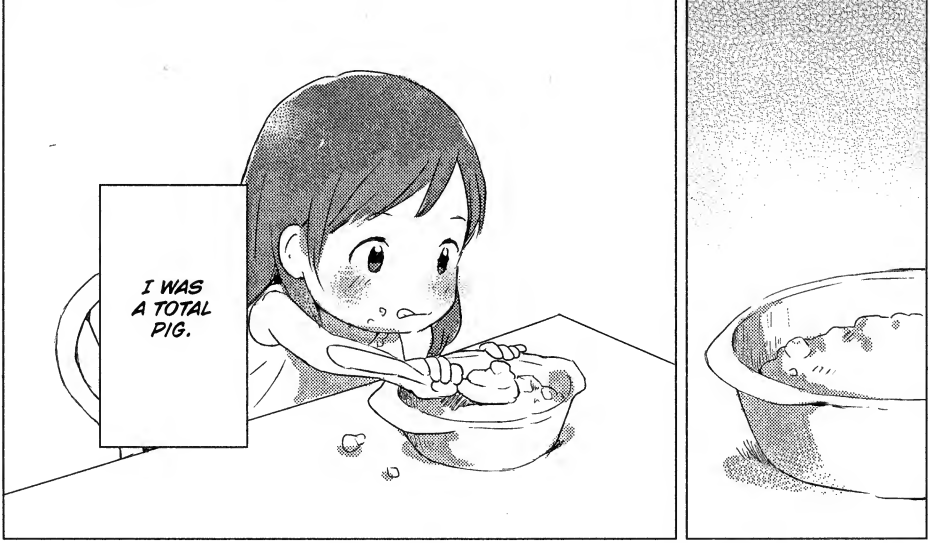


MY BIRTH, AME'S BIRTH...
...THE HARDSHIPS MY MOTHER HAD TO GO THROUGH AFTER-WARD...
I DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF IT.
MOMMA!!
I'M MAKING IT NOW.
JUST HANG ON A SEC, YUKI.
MUKU (PERK)
むくっ
MOMMA!!

Chapter 3 *Human and Wolf*

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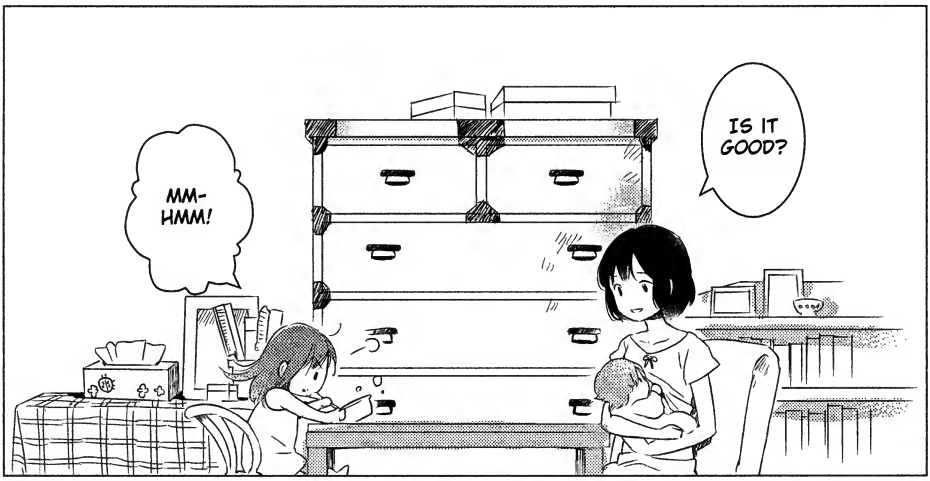
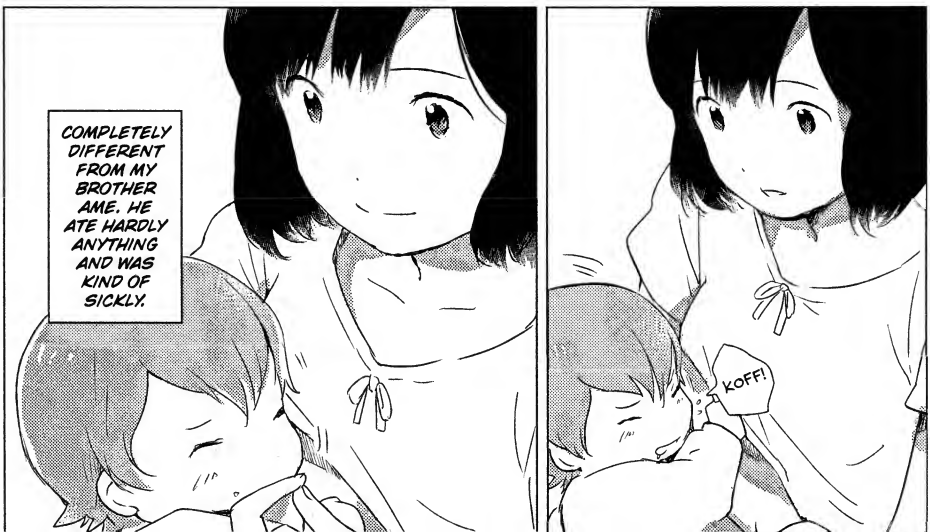
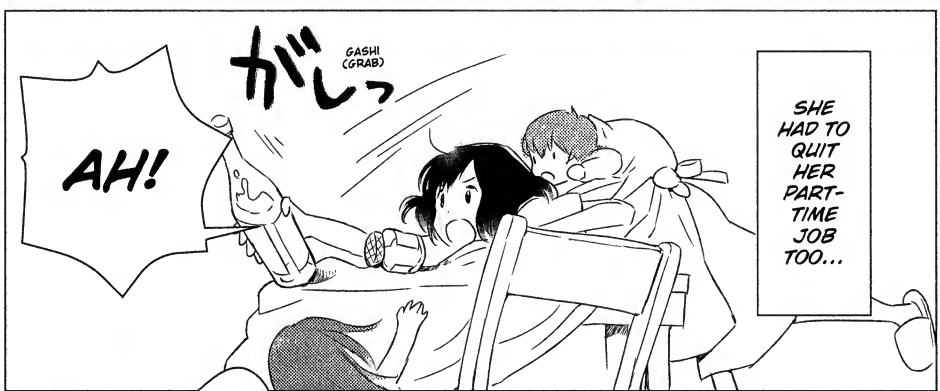
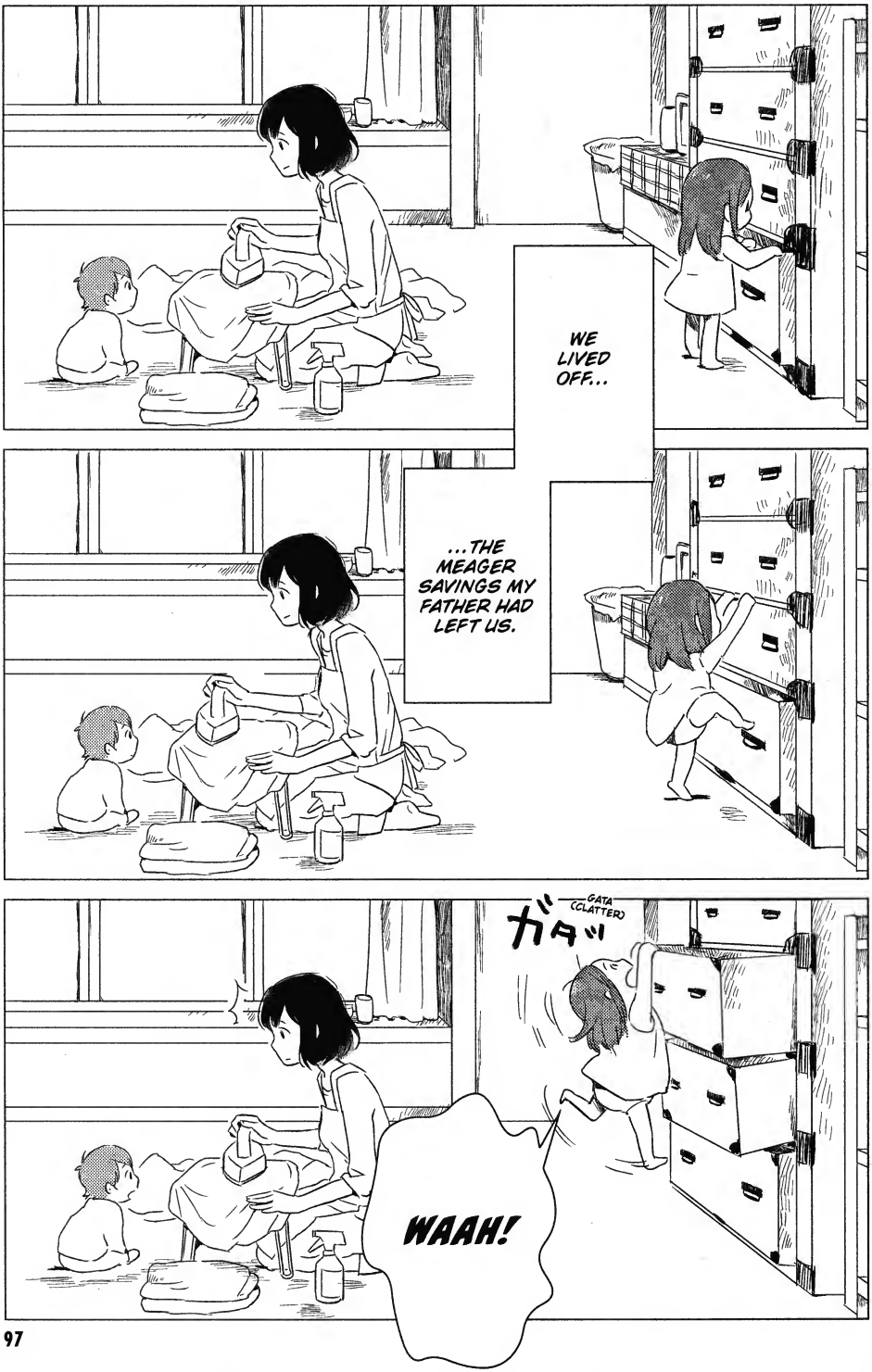

MM-HMM!
IS IT GOOD?


COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM MY BROTHER AME. HE ATE HARDLY ANYTHING AND WAS KIND OF SICKLY.
KOFF!

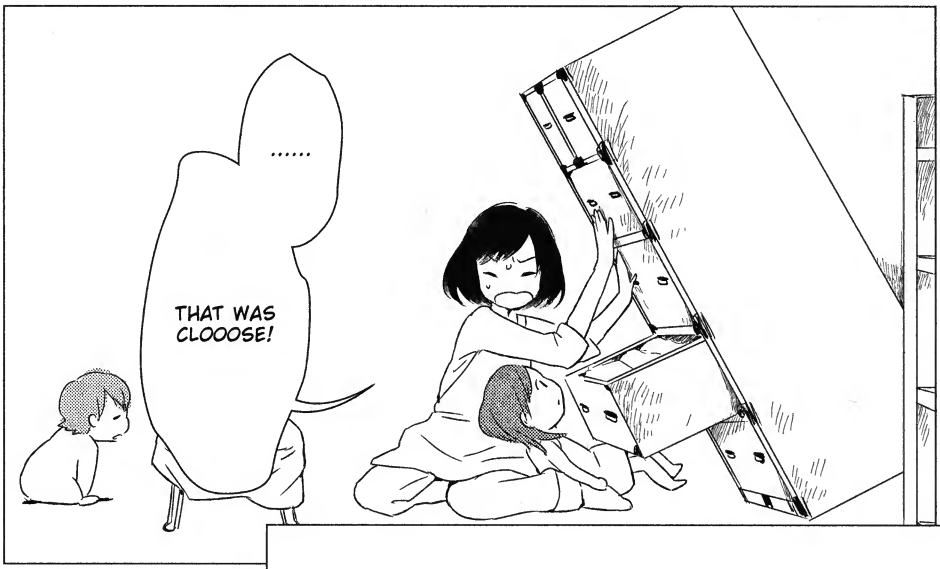
!!
GURA (WOBBLE)
ぐら…
RICE VINEGAR
米酢
ZUZU (DRAG)
MOM TOOK A BREAK FROM UNIVERSITY TO RAISE US.
JAM...


GASHI (GRAB)
がしっ
AH!
SHE HAD TO QUIT HER PART-TIME JOB TOO...

THAT WAS CLOOOSE .....
JAM!


WE LIVED OFF...
...THE MEAGER SAVINGS MY FATHER HAD LEFT US.
ガタッ
GATA (CLATTER)
WAAH!

WAH!


.....
THAT WAS CLOOOSE!

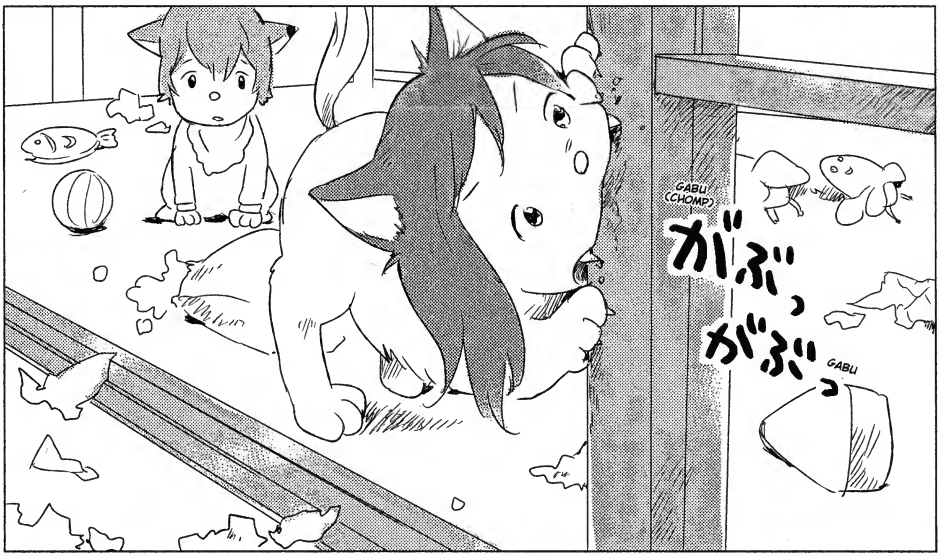
MY MOTHER SAID THAT...

...IT SEEMED LIKE THE TWO OF US...
ふる FURU
ふる FURU (SHAKE)

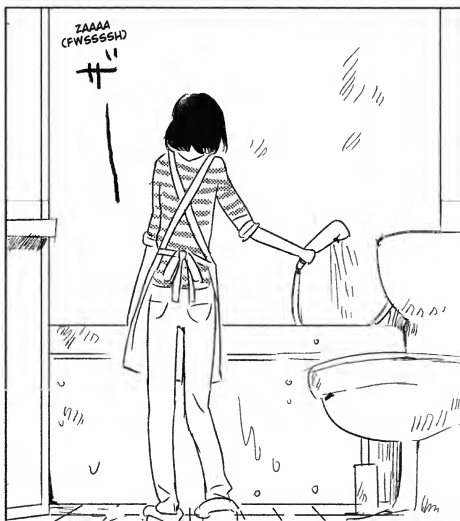
FURU
ふる
FURU
ふる
...COULD NEVER MAKE UP OUR MINDS...

...ABOUT WHETHER TO LIVE AS WOLVES OR HUMANS.

GAJI (GNAW)
がじっ
GAJI
がじ

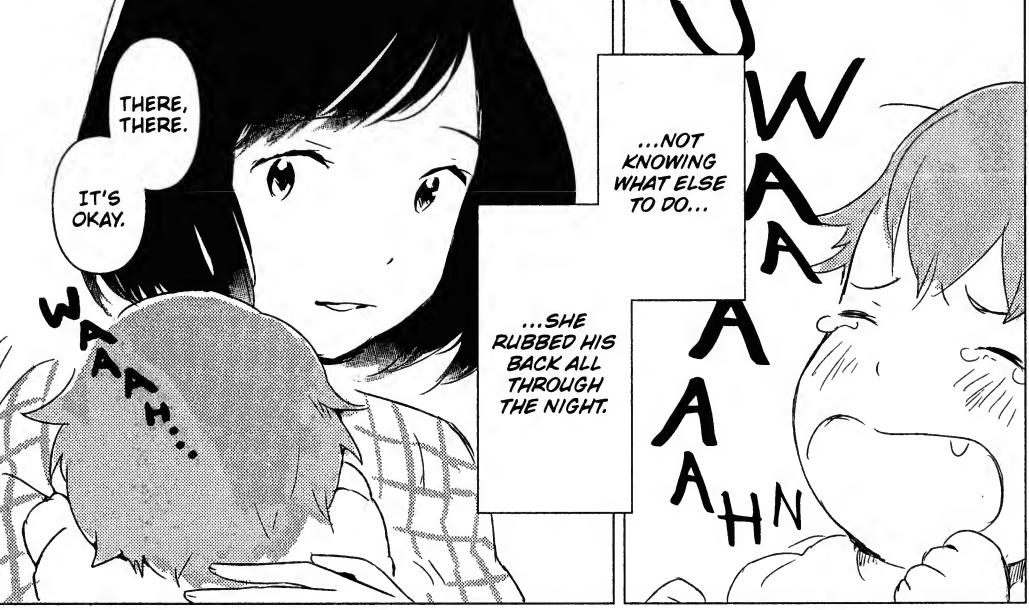

GABU (CHOMP)
がぶっ
がぶっ
GABU

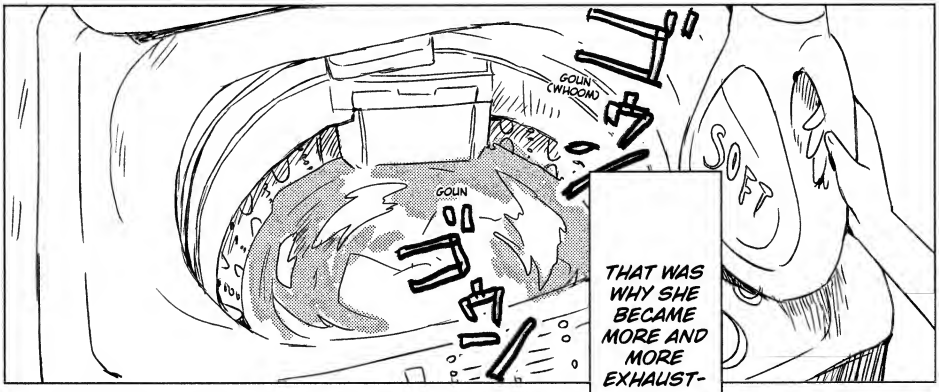
PHEW...
AH!

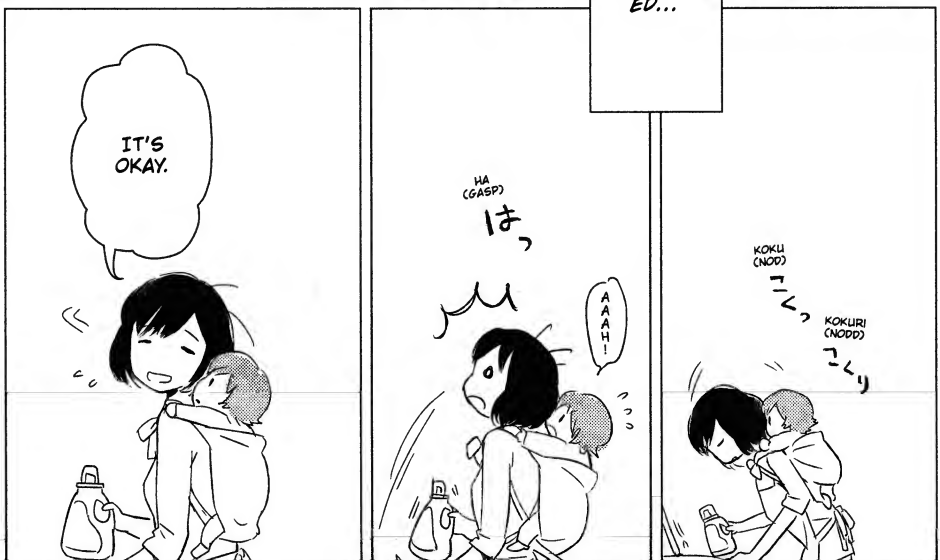

ZAAAA (FWSSSSH)
ザ

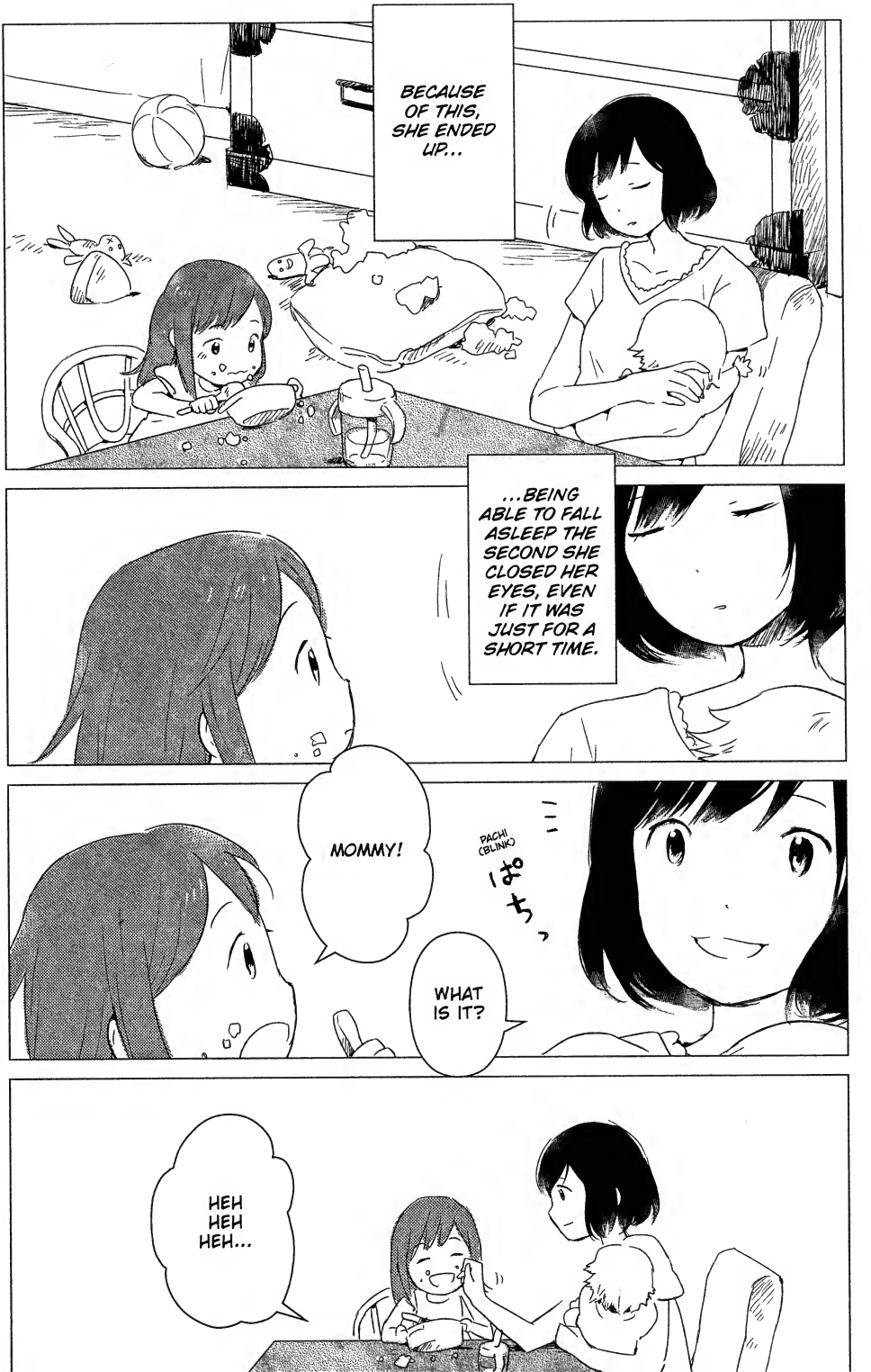
ぐちゃ・・・
GUCHA (MESSY)
WH—
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE ...!?
ふぁ
FUWAAAA (YAAAWN)

MOM COULDN'T EXACTLY GET ADVICE FROM THE PEOPLE AROUND HER.
SO HER ONLY CHOICE WAS TO STUDY UP ON HER OWN.
育児
BOOK: CHILD—
ON TOP OF THAT, SHE WAS BREAST-FEEDING EVERY TWO HOURS, DAY AND NIGHT...
SUU (ZZZ)
UTO (DROWSY)
UTO
WHEN AME JUST KEPT CRYING AND WOULDN'T DRINK ANY MILK...
HA (GASP)
UWAAAHN


THERE, THERE.
IT'S OKAY.
WAAAH...
...NOT KNOWING WHAT ELSE TO DO...
...SHE RUBBED HIS BACK ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT.
WAAAAAAHN


GOUN (WHOOM)
GOUN
SOFT
THAT WAS WHY SHE BECAME MORE AND MORE EXHAUST-ED...


IT'S OKAY.
HA (GASP)
はっ
AAAH!
KOKU (NOD)
コクッ
KOKURI (NODD)
コクリ


BECAUSE OF THIS, SHE ENDED UP...
...BEING ABLE TO FALL ASLEEP THE SECOND SHE CLOSED HER EYES, EVEN IF IT WAS JUST FOR A SHORT TIME.
MOMMY!
PACHI (BLINK)
ぱちっ
WHAT IS IT?
HEH HEH HEH...

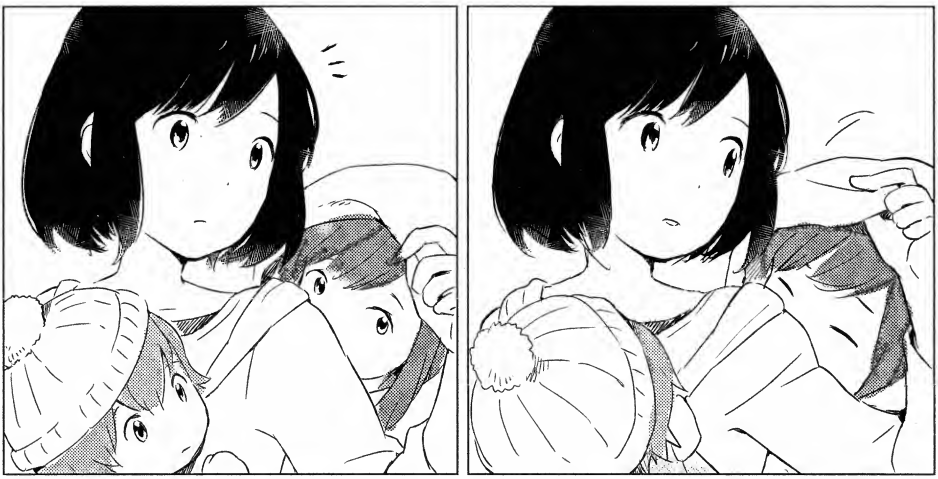
SIGN: ASAHI PEDIATRIC CLINIC

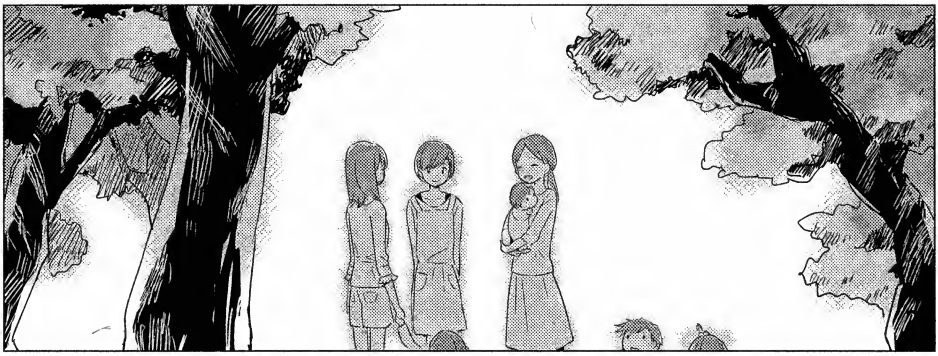
SIGN: ASAHI PEDIATRIC CLINIC

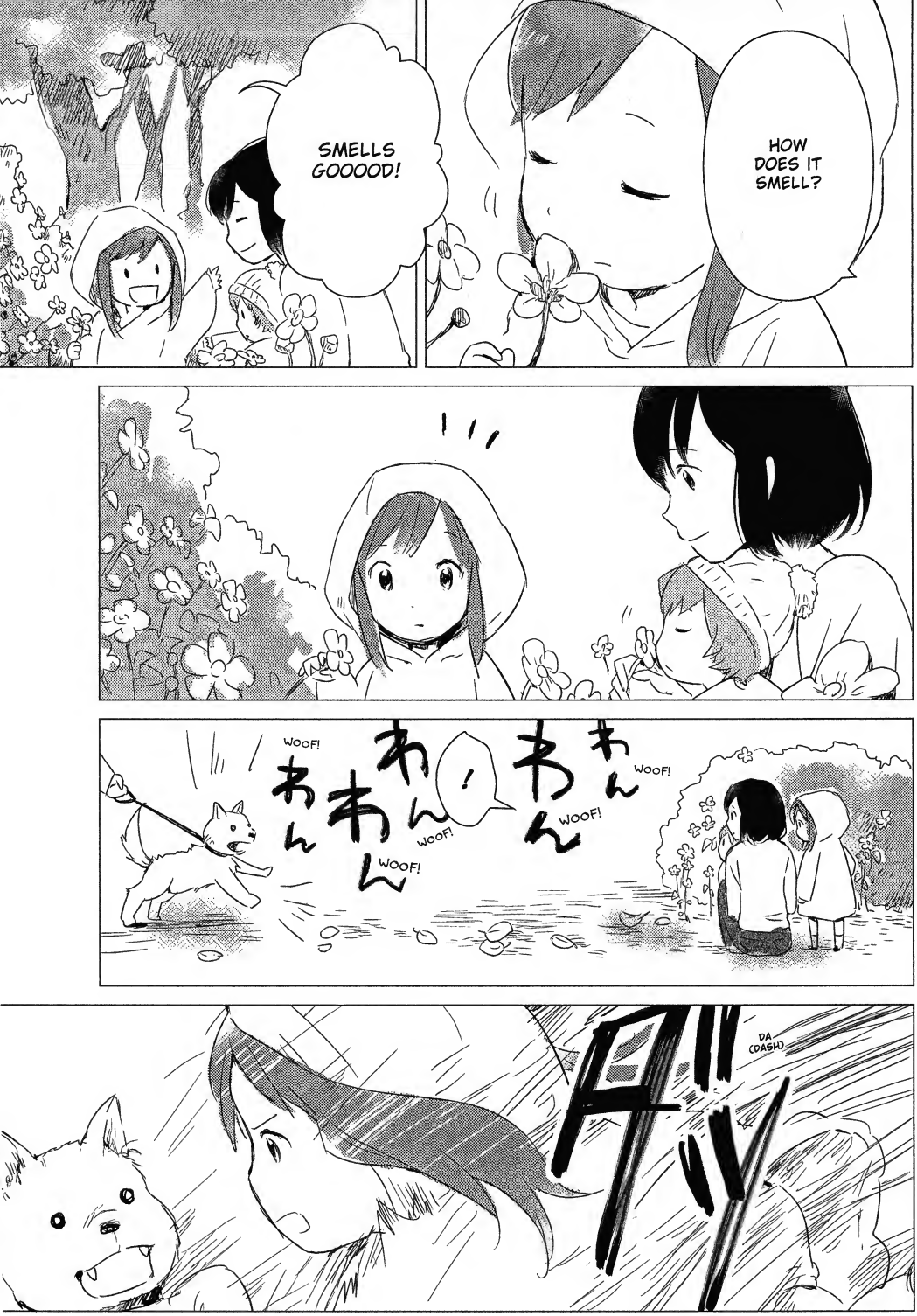
...HELLO?
MY DAUGHTER ACCIDENTALLY ATE SOME DESICCANT...
SHE'S TWO.
YES.
IT SAID... "SILICA GEL."
...WHAT? HER APPETITE?
I'M HUNGRY!

GEFU (BURP)
げぷっ
SO SHE'LL BE FINE?
...REALLY?
HAAH (SIGH)
はぁ...
MY MOTHER ALWAYS REGRETTED MISSING OUT ON...
...HER CHANCE TO ASK MY FATHER ABOUT HIS CHILD-HOOD.
WALK!

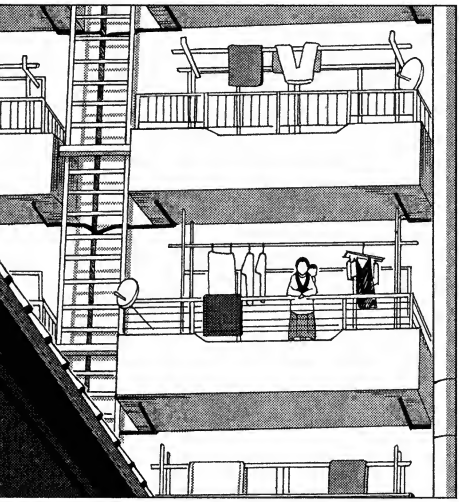
YUKI...
YOU JUST GOT OVER BEING SICK.
PYOKO (POP)
ぴょこ
WALK!
WAAAAAALK!!!
OKAY, OKAY!
GOODNESS, WE'LL GO FOR A WALK. JUST PUT YOUR EARS AWAY.
THE EARS!!
ARF!
ARF!
ARF!
ARF!
キャン
キャン
キャン
キャン
ぱあっ
PAA (BEAM)

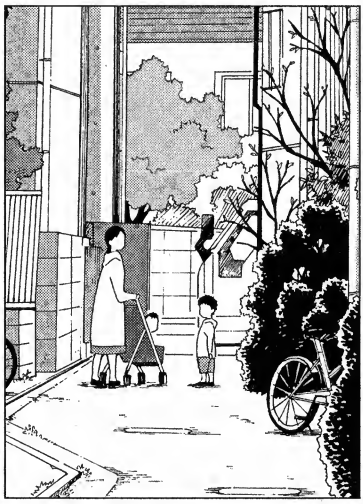




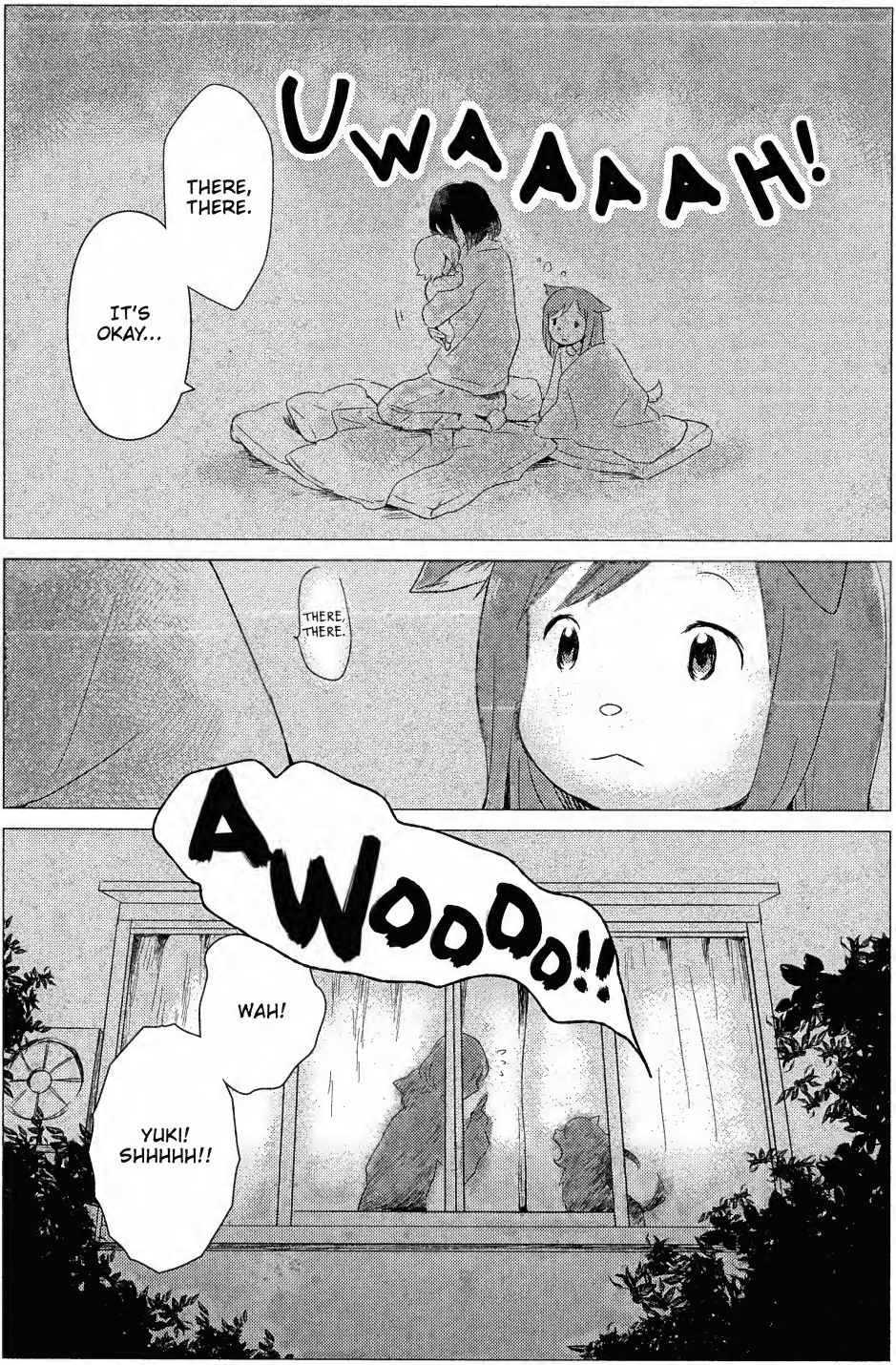

SMELLS GOOOOD!
HOW DOES IT SMELL?
わん
WOOF!
DA (DASH)

GRRAR!
I-I'M SO SORRY ...!!





WAAAAAH
DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS!? SHUT HIM UP!!
I AM SO, SO SORRY...
HON-ESTLY!
AT LEAST DISCIPLINE YOUR KIDS PROPERLY!!
BATAN (SLAM)
BIKU (JOLT)
びくっ


UWAAAAH!
THERE, THERE.
IT'S OKAY...
THERE, THERE.
AWOOOO!!
WAH!
YUKI! SHHHHH!!

AWOOOO!
AND NOW YOU, AME!?
GUSU (SNIFFLE)
WOLF KIDS ARE STRONG!
YOU TWO...

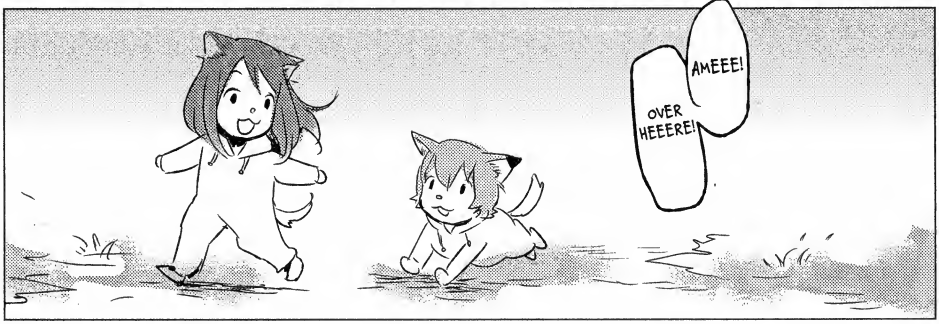
WE DON'T HAVE A DOG.
YOU'RE LYING. I'VE HEARD IT HOWLING I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES!
WE REALLY DON'T HAVE A DOG...
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FOLLOW THE RULES, YOU NEED TO LEAVE THIS BUILDING!
GYU (CLENCH)

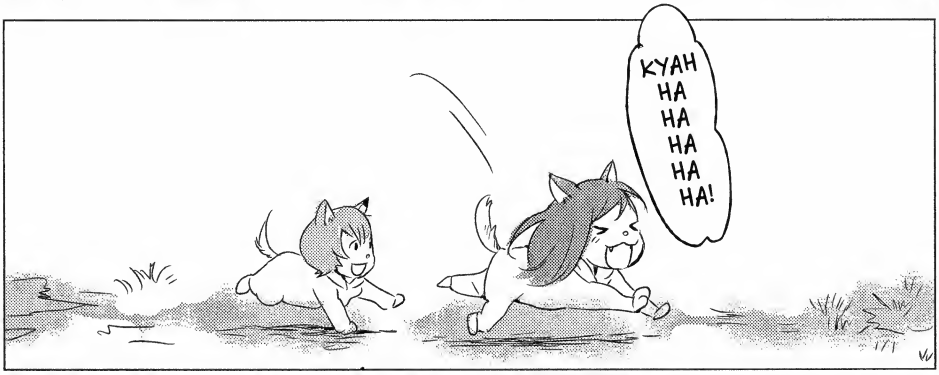
—FROM THE CHILD WELFARE CENTER?
I TOOK A LOOK AT YOUR FILE, AND IT SEEMS THAT YOUR CHILDREN HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY OF THEIR VACCINATIONS OR REGULAR CHECKUPS?
IT'S FINE. THEY'RE VERY HEALTHY...
IN THAT CASE, COULD I JUST HAVE A PEEK AT THEM?
NO, THAT'S...
MA'AM!
YOU DO REALIZE...

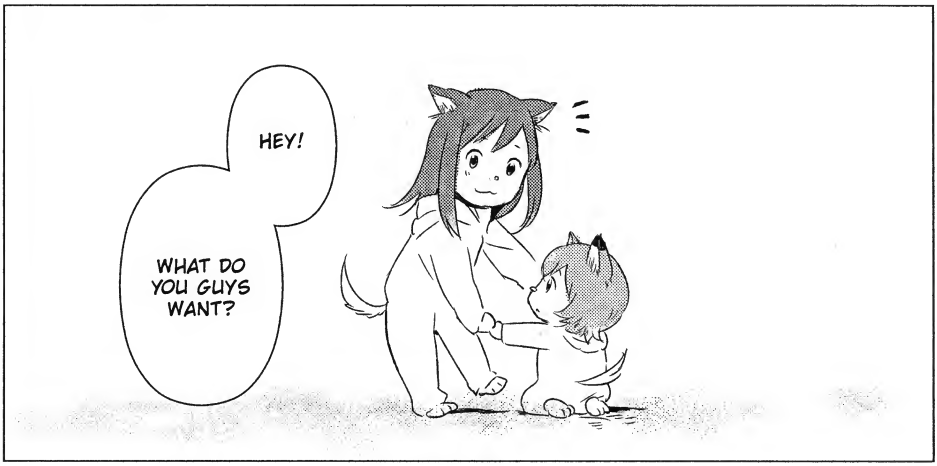
BATAN (SLAM)
...THAT I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ASSUME THAT YOU ARE ABUSING OR NEGLECTING THEM!?
PLEASE LEAVE!!
PINPOOON
PINPOOON (DING-DONNNG)
PINPOOON
.....

ピンポーン
PINPOOON (DING-DONNNG)
ドン
DON
(BANG)
ピンポーン
PINPOOON
ピンポーン
PINPOOON

AH HA HA HA HA HA!
KYAAAH!


AMEEE!
OVER HEEERE!


KYAH HA HA HA HA HA!


HEY!
WHAT DO YOU GUYS WANT?

?

TO BE HUMANS?
OR WOLVES?

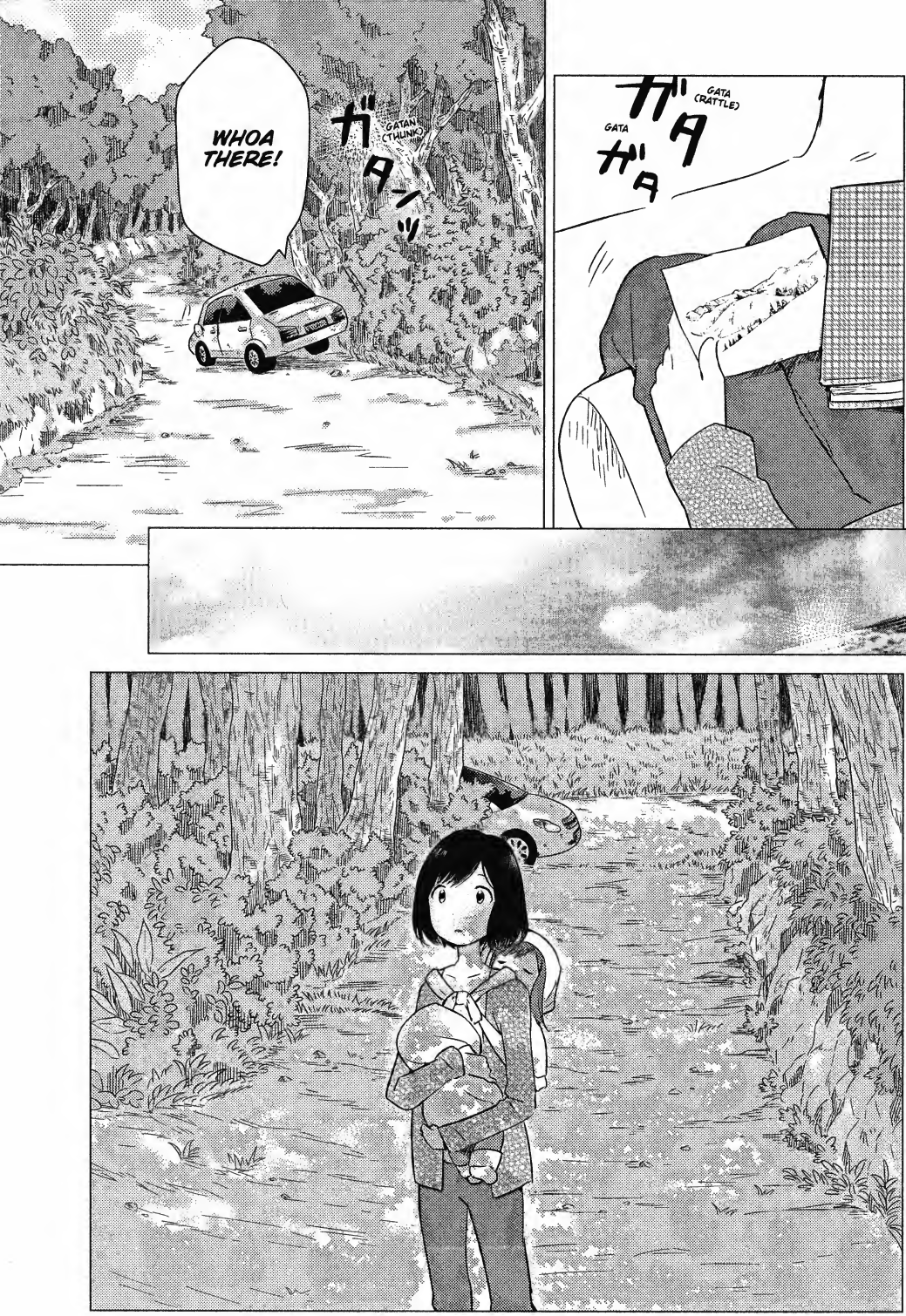
.....I WAS THINKING OF MOVING.

SO THAT...
...YOU COULD CHOOSE WHICHEVER ONE YOU WANT.

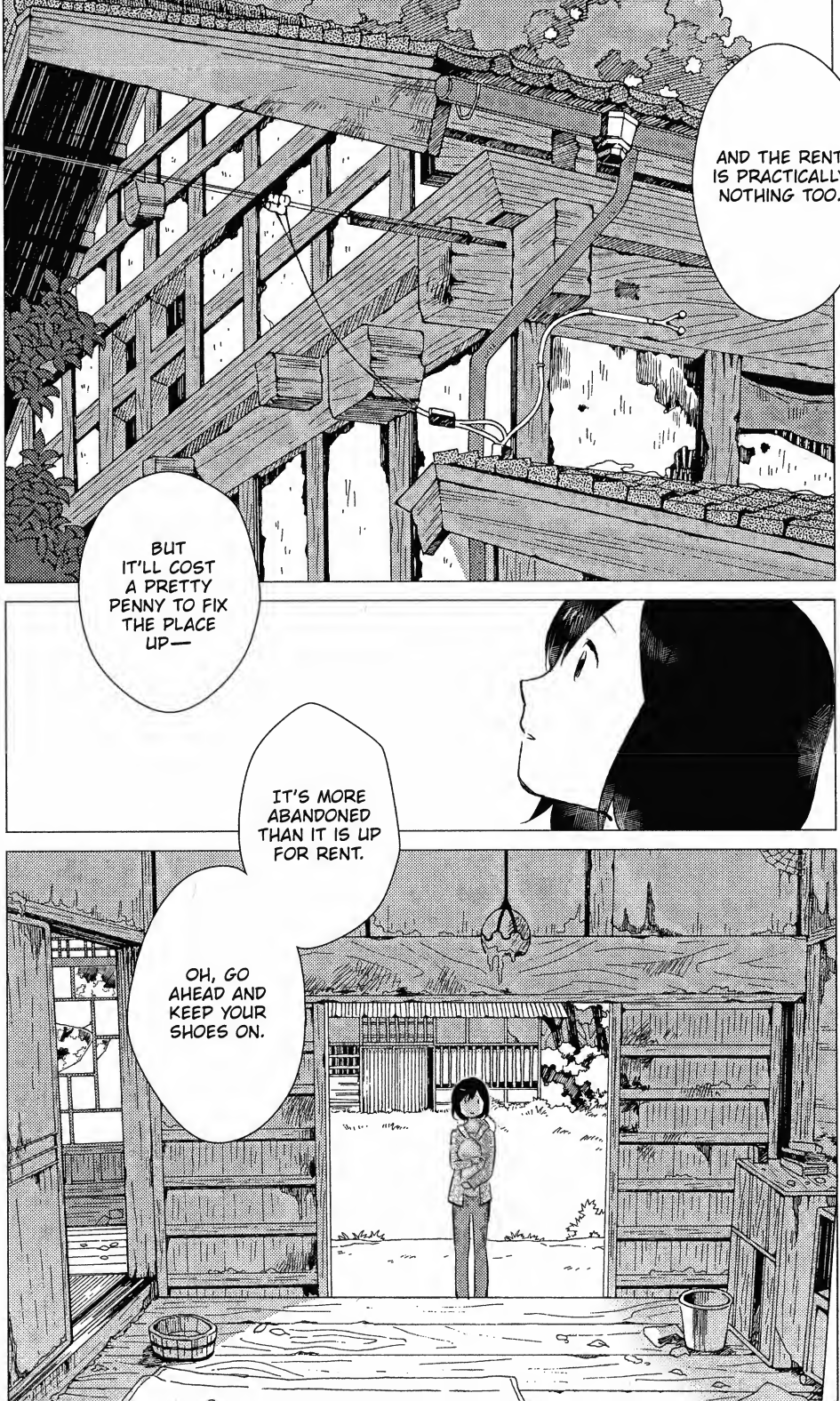
WOLF
CHILDREN
AME & YUKI

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE DONE REFERRALS FOR EMPTY HOUSES AT THE TOWN HALL.
ALTHOUGH PEOPLE DO COME TO US NOW AND THEN WANTING TO LIVE IN THE COUNTRY.
.....THEY NEVER FOLLOW THROUGH, THOUGH.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE'S NOTHING AT ALL OUT HERE.
THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE HOSPITAL ARE BOTH THIRTY MINUTES AWAY BY CAR.
ONCE THEY GET INTO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, IT'S TWO AND A HALF HOURS EACH WAY BY BUS AND TRAIN.
I KNOW YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO RAISE YOUR CHILDREN IN A GOOD ENVIRONMENT, BUT...


WHOA THERE!
GATAN (THUNK)
GATA (RATTLE)
GATA

Chapter 4 The Middle of Nowhere
.....
IT'S HUGE .....!


AND THE RENT IS PRACTICALLY NOTHING TOO.
BUT IT'LL COST A PRETTY PENNY TO FIX THE PLACE UP—
IT'S MORE ABANDONED THAN IT IS UP FOR RENT.
OH, GO AHEAD AND KEEP YOUR SHOES ON.

SO THE FIELDS, ARE THEY...?
MM-HMM.
THIS PLACE ISN'T REALLY SUITED TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY, THOUGH.
THE ANIMALS COME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN AND EAT ALL THE CROPS.
THE REASON THERE'S NOTHING BUT EMPTY HOUSES UP HERE...
...IS THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CHASED AWAY.

SO THEN THE NEIGH-BORS...
NEIGH-BORS? YOU WON'T COME ACROSS ANYONE UNLESS YOU GO WAY DOWN.
SOME OTHER, BETTER PLACE WOULD—
WE'LL TAKE IT.
HUH?
WE'LL TAKE IT.
.....
WHY?

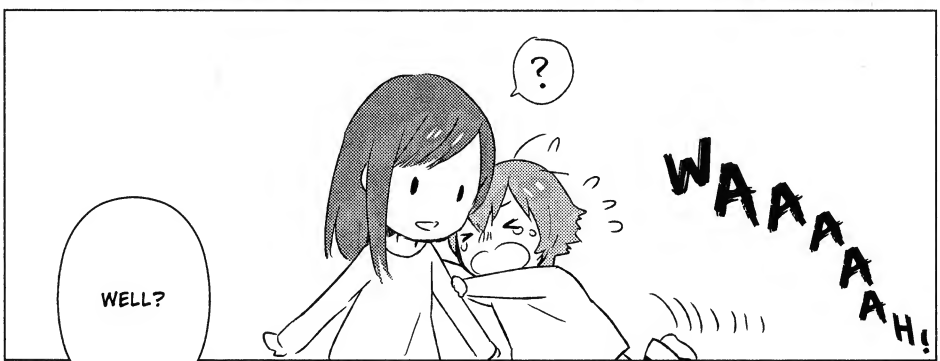
WHEEEEE!!
AHHAHAHAHAHAHA!!
ぴょんっ
PYON (SPRONG)
MOM, LOOKIT, LOOKIT!!
OUR NEW HOUSE.
WHERE ARE WE?

IT'S LEANYYY!
OH!
AAAANTS!!
HELLO, ANTS!!
ばっ
BA (FWOP)

JUMP! JUMP!!
AH HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
TASHI (JUMP)
たしっ
TASHI
たしっ

!?
KASA (SKITTER)
KASA
KASA
WAH!
BIKU (JOLT)
びくっ

.....
KUAH HA HA HA HA HA HA
C'MONNN, AME!!


?
WAAAAAH!
WELL?

DO YOU LIKE IT?
I LIKE IT!!
CAN WE GO HOME NOW...?

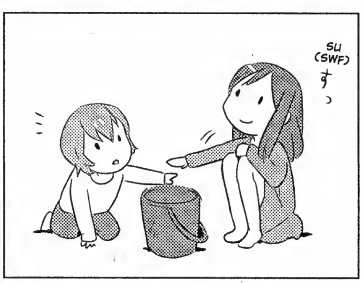
...AH!
ACHOO!!
AH...
ZA (SHFF)
ZA
BAKI! (CRACK)
ACH—
WAAH!?
KAN (BANG)
カン
KAN
カンカン
KAN
!!
.....
BORO (CRUMBLE)
ボロ

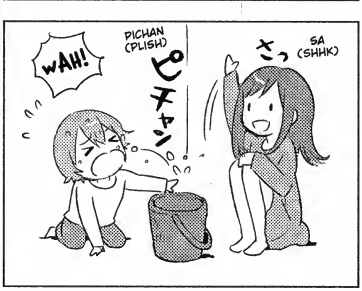
ZAAAAAAA (FSSSSH)
ザアアアアアアア

THERE'S SO MANY LEAKS...
YUP.

POCHAN (PLOSH)
ポチャン

PURURU (SHAKE)
ぷるるっ
AH HA HA HA HA!

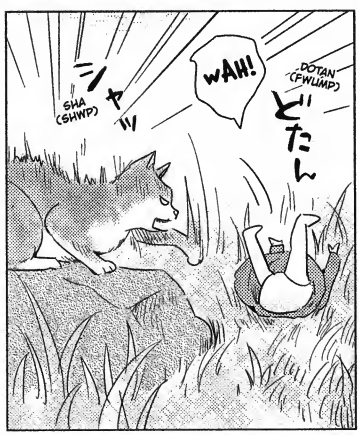

SU (SWF)
すっ


WAH!
PICHAN (PLISH)
ピチャン
SA (SHHK)
さっ

LOOK! LOOK, MOM! LOOK!!
TA-DAAAAA!!
GYAAAH
!!!
ドサッ
DOSASA (TUMBLE)
EH HEH HEH HEEEH!
AWESOME, RIIIGHT?

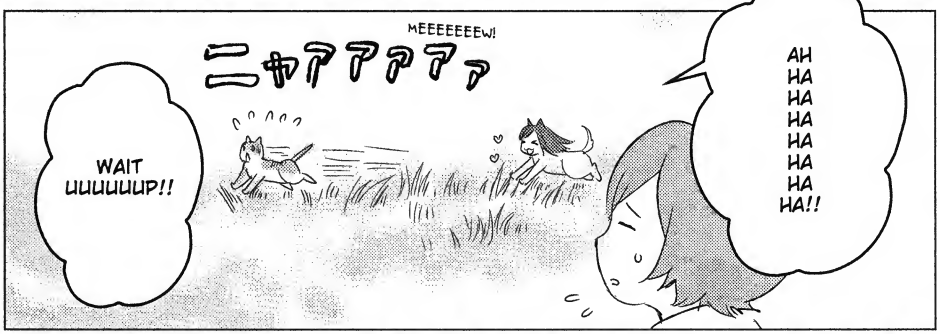
COME ON, STOP IT.
MISS BIRDYYYY!
C'MERE! COME ON!

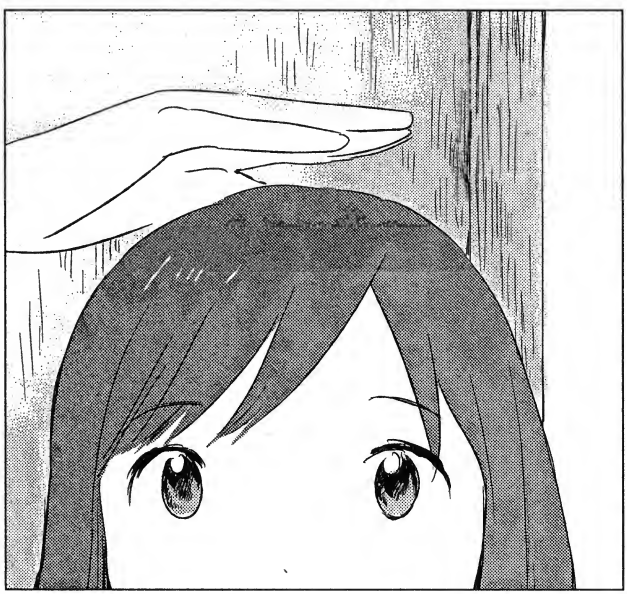
PIKU (PERK)
ピク
A KITTY CAT!!

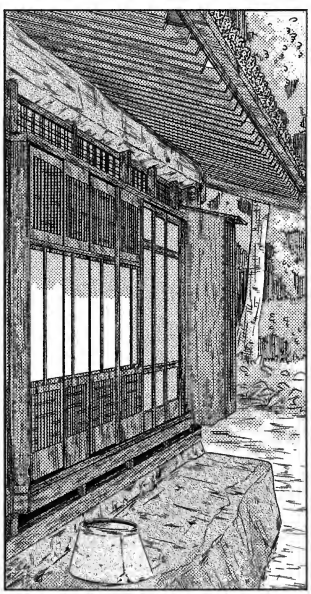

SHA (SHWP)
シャ
WAH!
DOTAN (FWUMP)
どたん

HSSSSS!
HERE, KITTY, KITTYYY!

MREOW!
WOOF!
BA (WHAP)
ばっ


MEEEEEEEW!
ニャアアアァ
WAIT UUUUUUP!!
AH HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!





YUKI 5 Y.O.
雪 5さい
AME 4 Y.O.
雨 4さい
ALL RIGHT!
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE SHOPPING!

GATA (RATTLE)
ガタッ
GATA
ガタ
GATA
ガタ
WHEEEEEEE!
AH HA HA HA HA!

SIGN: MONTHLY SPECIALS—FRUIT DELIVERY

AND HER HUSBAND?
JOB?
NO IDEA...
BEATS ME.
OH!
PACKETS: SOIL, LEEKS, TOMATO, CUCUMBER
土
キュウリ
MR. NIRASAKI!
PLEASE DON'T BE TOO HARD ON THEM THIS TIME!

"FOUR MONTHS AFTER COMING INTO THE WORLD, THE WOLF BEGINS TO HUNT.
"THE PUPS FIRST LEARN TO HUNT SMALL ANIMALS SUCH AS MICE..."
森の動物図鑑
ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FOREST CREATURES
森の動物図鑑
ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FOREST CREATURES

GOT IT!!
.....
ばっ
BA (WHAP)
I GOT IT!
I GOT IIIIT!
I GOT IT!
GRRRRRRR.....
ばた BATA (STOMP)
ばた BATA
ばた BATA
GRR...
MOMMY...

GUSU (SNIFFLE)
ぐすっ
...AME!!
WHAT HAPPENED!?

IT'S OKAY.
IT'S OKAY...
YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT LIKE THIS!!
A TORTOISE-SHELL CAT!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A WOLF! BUT YOU'RE WEAK, AND THAT'S WHY IT ATTACKED YOU!

YUKI...
I MEAN, I COULD BEAT A WILD BOAR EVEN!!
I'M NOT SCARED OF MONKEYS OR GOATS OR NOTHIN'!
'SIDES, IT'S FUN WHEN THEY RUN AWAY WHEN YOU CHASE 'EM.
AND—
YUKI.
EVEN IF YOU DO COME ACROSS ANIMALS IN THE MOUNTAINS, YOU MUSTN'T CHASE THEM.

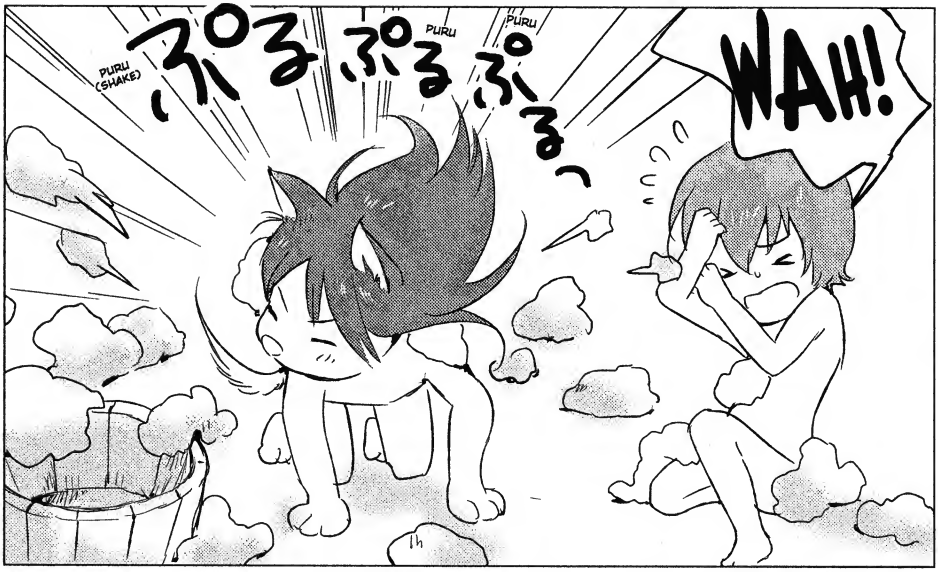
WHY NOT!?
I'M—
BECAUSE IT WOULD MAKE YOUR FATHER SAD.
.....PLEASE.
.....
FIIINE.
.....
...MOMMY.
HOW COME WOLVES ARE ALWAYS THE BAD GUYS?

EVERYBODY ALWAYS HATES THEM. AND THEY ALWAYS GET KILLED IN THE END.
IF THEY'RE BAD...
...THEN I HATE WOLVES.
MAYBE.
BUT...
...I LIKE WOLVES A LOT.
EVEN IF EVERYONE ELSE HATES THEM...

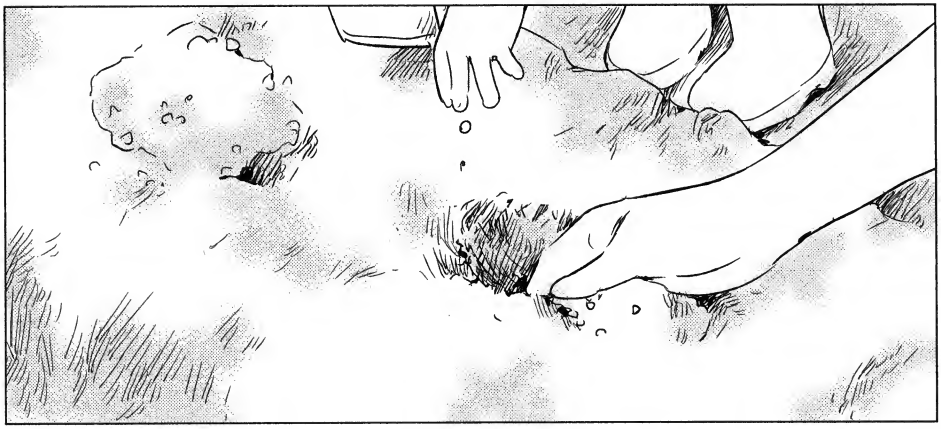
...I'LL ALWAYS BE...
...ON THE WOLVES' SIDE.

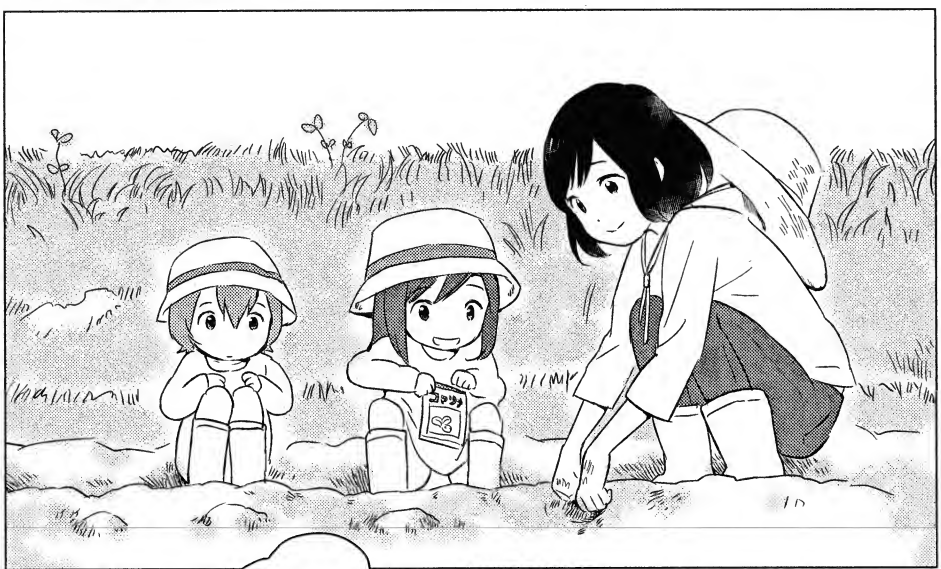
SPLAAASH!

WE'VE GOT TO BE AS FRUGAL AS POSSIBLE...
FROO-GULL?
THAT'S RIGHT.
LIKE LEARNING HOW TO GROW OUR OWN VEGETABLES AT THE VERY LEAST...


PURU (SHAKE)
ぷるぷるぷるぷるっ
PURU
PURU
WAH!

I'LL GROW SOME TOO!!





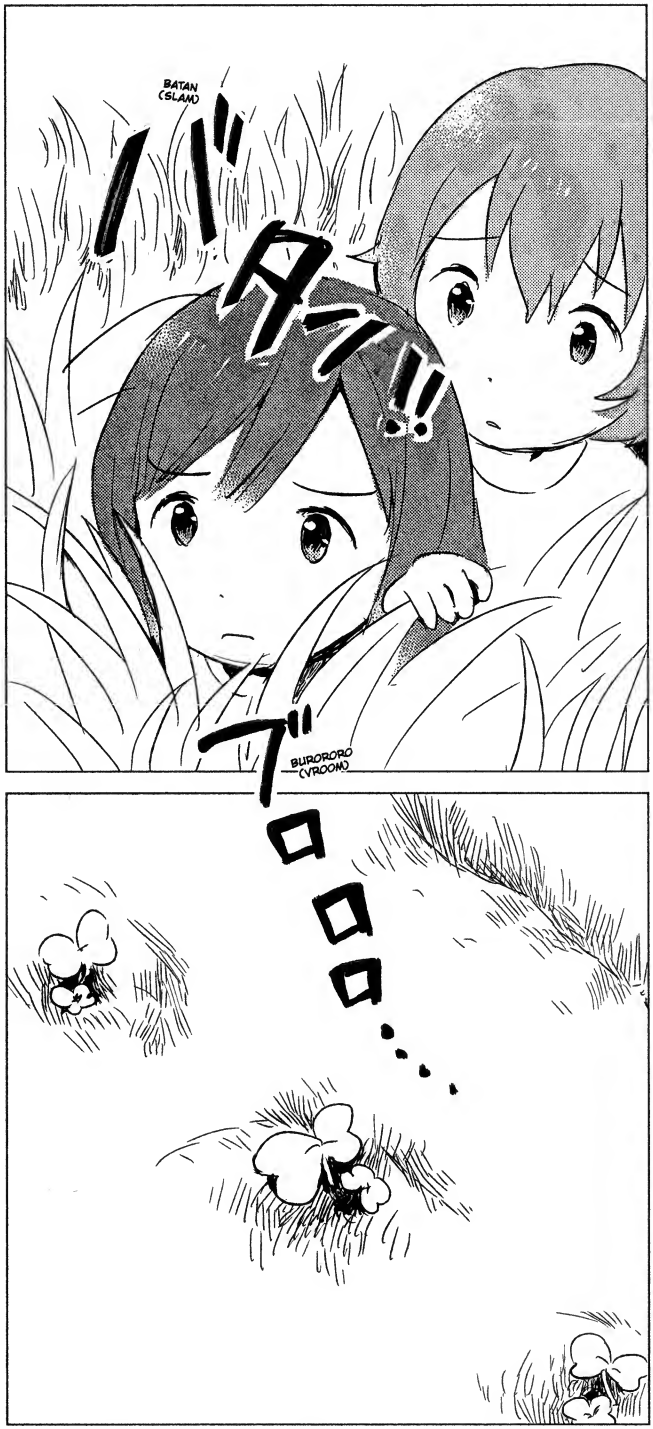
PACKET: RAPESEED

SEVERAL DAYS LATER
GUI (TUG)
GUI
MOM!!
COME SEE, COME SEE—
WOWWW!
YAAAAY!
YIPPEEEEE!

.....OH!
HELLO!
EVERYTHING'S BEEN SO CRAZY, I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO COME AND SAY HELLO.....

DON'T SMILE LIKE THAT.

EVEN IF Y'DON'T DO A THING, THE CROPS'LL STILL GROW.


BATAN
(SLAM)
バタン!!
BURORORO
(VROOM)
ブロロロ…

WOLF
CHILDREN
AME & YUKI

Writing these events into a film was the first trial for me. Now I wonder how this flow of time will be depicted in the manga. And just what will Hana and Yuki and Ame look like at the end of their journey? I'm looking forward to seeing how it all plays out.

Mamoru Hosoda
[*Wolf Children Ame & Yuki* director, screenwriter, creator]

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from
Mamoru Hosoda

Extraordinarily gentle, adorable, full of warmth——I believe this is the charm of Yu-san's illustrations. I felt the strong appeal of the characters themselves when I first saw her rough sketches of Hana, Yuki, and Ame, but now that they have been turned into a manga, there is an even greater richness of expression and even more warmth. And once again, I realize how fortunate I was to have come across the perfect manga artist for this fantastical work, *Wolf Children Ame & Yuki*.

This story is a thirteen-year journey, thirteen long years from the time Yuki and Ame are born until they are grown.

Character
Sketches
Illustrated by
Yu

Hana

A student at a university on the outskirts of Tokyo who falls in love with a wolfman. She takes on the challenge of child rearing for the first time in raising Yuki and Ame.

(Note: Hana's name is written with the kanji for "flower.")

Yuki

(age four or five)

The eldest daughter born to Hana and the wolfman, Yuki is a big eater and full of energy, occasionally changing into a wolf and causing problems for Hana.

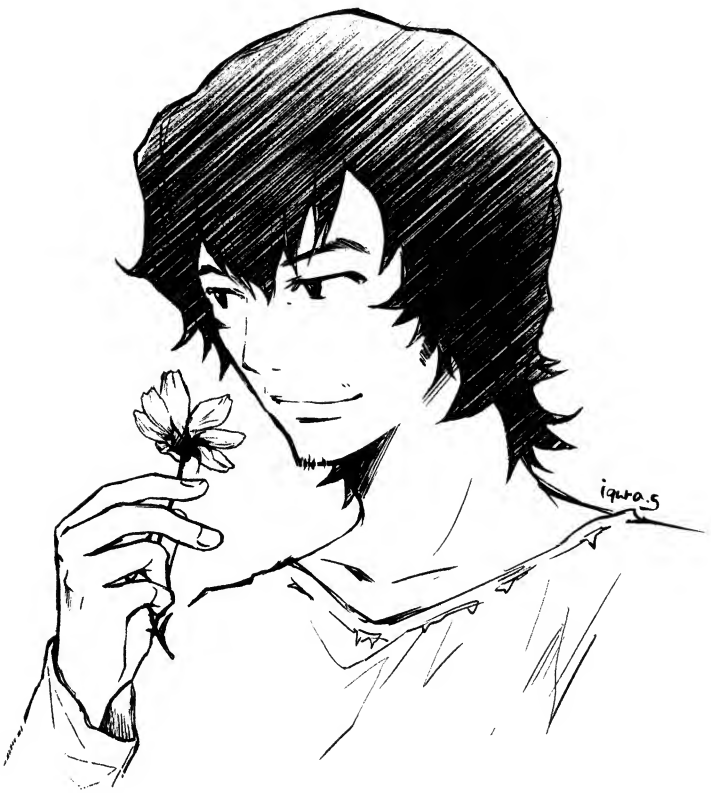
(Note: Yuki's name is written with the kanji for "snow.")

Ame

(age four or five)

The eldest son, born a year after Yuki, he doesn't eat much compared to his big sister, and he can be a bit sickly. Personality-wise, he's a little withdrawn, contemplative, and quiet.

(Note: Ame's name is written with the kanji for "rain.")



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE FIRST VOLUME OF THE COMIC ADAPTATION OF WOLF CHILDREN AME & YUKI! I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO DRAW THE COMIC ADAPTATION OF DIRECTOR HOSODA'S PREVIOUS WORK, SUMMER WARS, AND I'VE BEEN VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS EDITION OF WOLF CHILDREN AME & YUKI.

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE HANA AND I ARE BOTH MOTHERS AND SHE'S DRAWN AS BEING FROM THE SAME GENERATION AS ME, BUT THIS MAY BE THE FIRST WORK WHERE I HAVE FELT SUCH EMPATHY FOR THE CHARACTERS. I CAN'T HELP BUT WANT TO CAREFULLY WATCH OVER HANA'S FAMILY UNTIL THE END OF TIME IN THE HOPES THAT THEY KEEP ON SMILING.

I BELIEVE THAT YU-SENSEI'S GENTLE DRAWING STYLE GETS ACROSS THE EXACT WARMTH OF THE ORIGINAL WORK. AS A READER, I'M EXCITED FOR THE NEXT VOLUME.

IQURA SUGIMOTO, JUNE 2012

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PICKING UP WOLF CHILDREN AME + YUKI.

I PERSONALLY LOVE AND ADORE THE WORK OF MAMORU HOSODA-SAN, SO WHEN THE DECISION WAS MADE TO SERIALIZE THE COMIC VERSION, I WAS VERY HAPPY. IT WAS LIKE A DREAM. IT WAS THE FIRST COMIC I'D EVER HAD SERIALIZED, AND NOTHING WENT THE WAY I EXPECTED. I STRUGGLED WITH A LOT OF THINGS. BUT EVEN SO, I BELIEVE I WAS ABLE TO MAKE IT THIS FAR BECAUSE I HAD SO MANY PEOPLE SUPPORTING ME, INCLUDING YOU READERS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I FEEL LIKE I STILL HAVE SO MUCH MORE TO LEARN, BUT I'M WORKING HARD SO THAT THE WONDER OF WOLF CHILDREN AME + YUKI COMES THROUGH IN THIS MANGA, EVEN IF IT'S JUST THE TINIEST BIT.

I HOPE YOU'LL KEEP READING!!

SPECIAL THANKS

MAMEKO-SAN
HABUKI-SAN
MIKI KAWARABAYASHI-SAN
MIKI KAMIYA-SAN
YUSUKE-SAN
EDITOR: NAKAZAWA-SAN

THANK YOU!

HERE'S TO HOPING WE MEET AGAIN!

YU

Words from the Artist

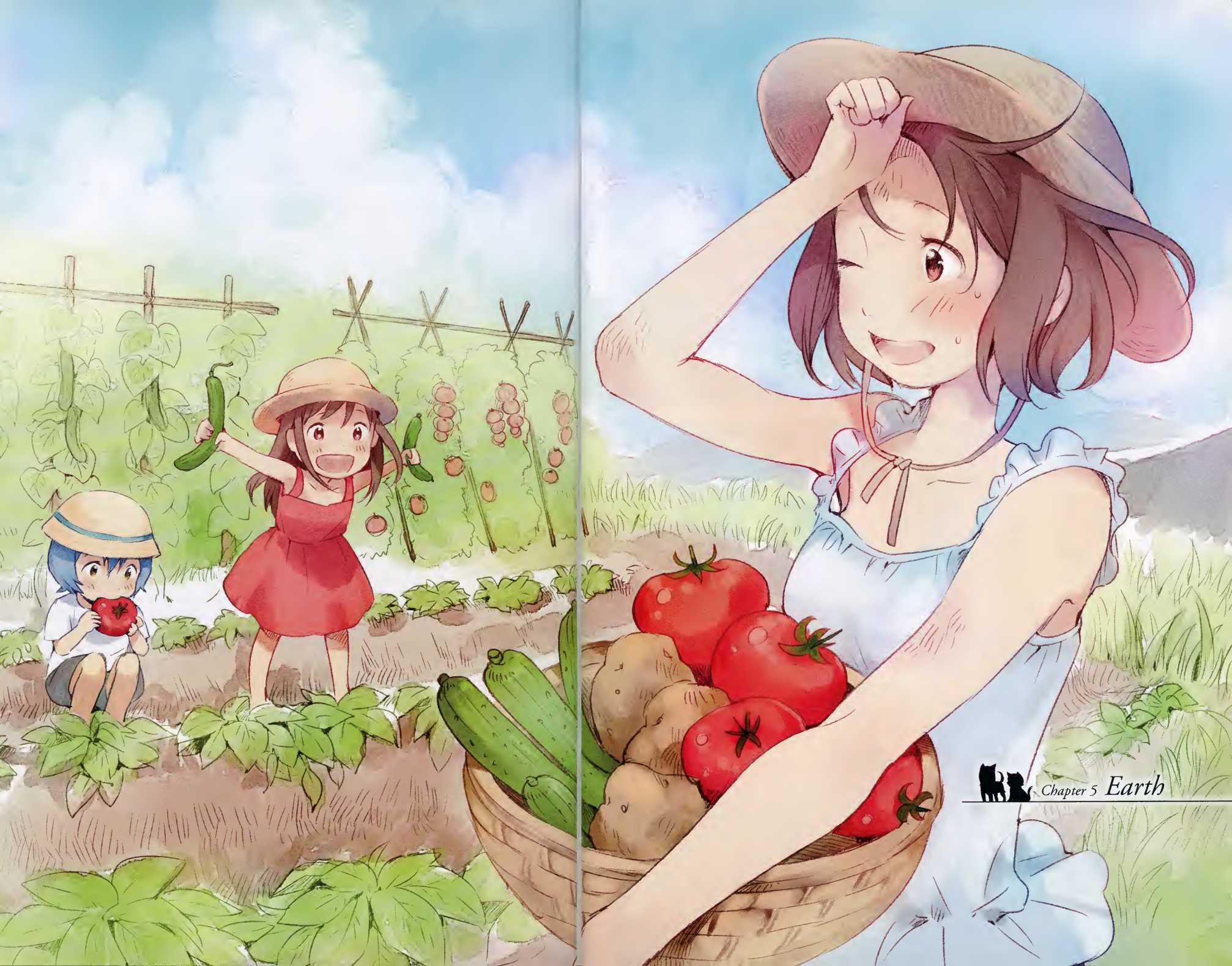
Volume 1

Nice to meet you. My name is Yu. This is my first serialization and also my first book. I still have a lot to learn, but I'm putting all of my heart into these illustrations. I hope you'll keep reading!

—Yu

WOLF
CHILDREN
AME & YUKI

THAT OLD MAN...
...WAS SCARY.
"DON'T LAUGH LIKE THAT."
NO.
IT WAS MY FAULT FOR NOT KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT ANYTHING.
I SHOULD HAVE...
...ASKED YOUR FATHER MORE ABOUT THINGS LIKE THIS...



Chapter 5 Earth

WOLF
CHILDREN
AME & YUKI

.....
...THEY'RE DEAD.....

YOUR MOM'S JUST NO GOOD AT THIS, HUH?
GUESS I'D BETTER STUDY HARDER...
WILL YOU HELP ME TRY AGAIN?
.....
YEAH.
OKAY.

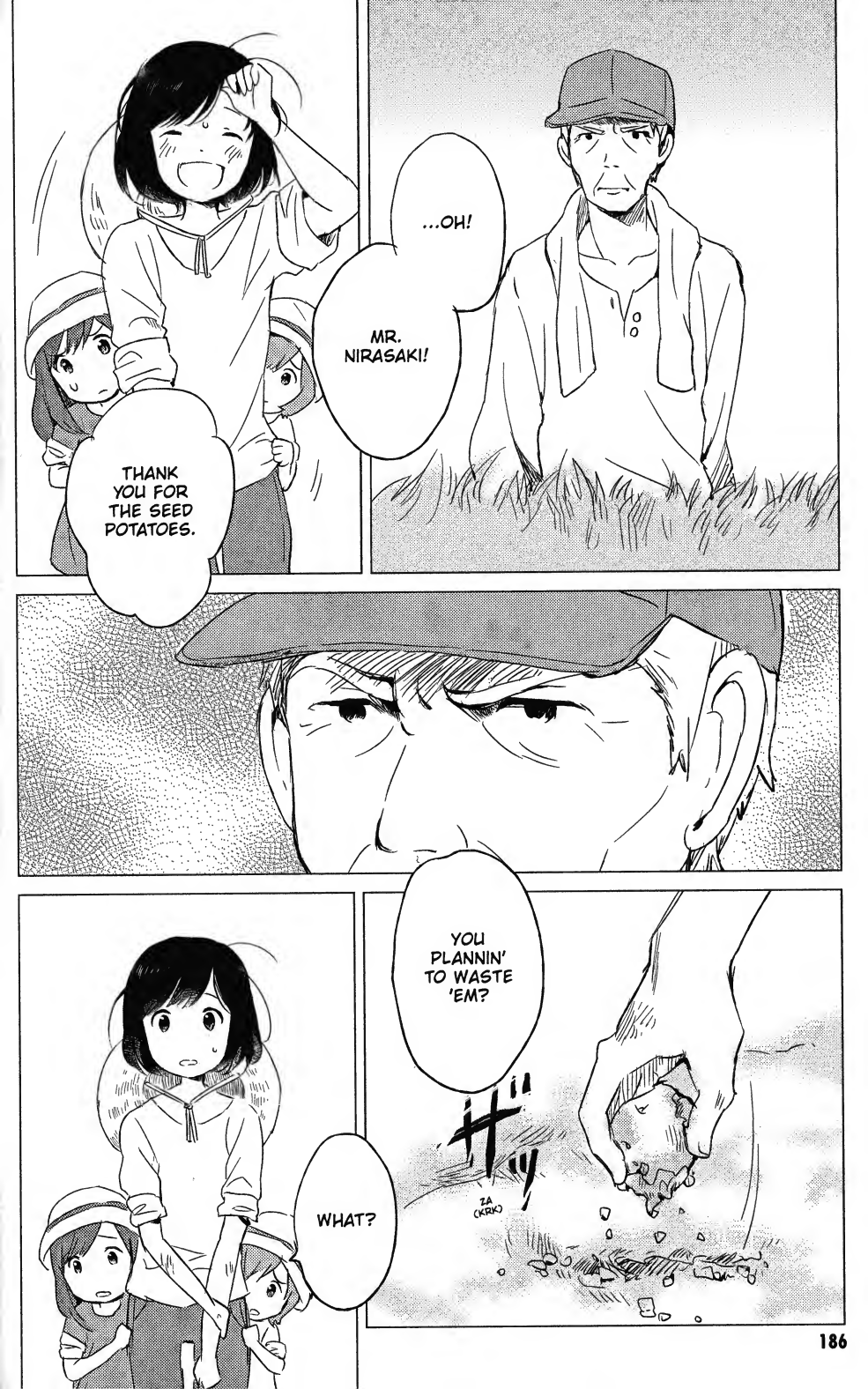
AND THEN MOM STARTED WORKING EVEN HARDER...
SHE SPENT EVERY FREE SECOND STUDYING FARMING.
ZAAAAA (FSSSH)
KIKI (SKREE)
BAN (SLAM)
AH!
SOMEONE'S HERE!

GOODNESS! IT'S REALLY COMING DOWN!
HELLO.
UM...
RIGHT! HERE YOU GO!!
GORO (TUMBLE)
ゴロッ!
HUH .....?

SEED POTATOES!
GASA (RUSTLE)
ガサッ
SEED POTATOES? THE KIND YOU PLANT IN A FIELD?
AHAHAHAHA!!
WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU DO WITH THEM!?
I KNOW THAT HUSBAND OF MINE SAID SOMETHING TO YOU, BUT DON'T PAY IT ANY MIND.
THAT'S JUST THE WAY HE IS.

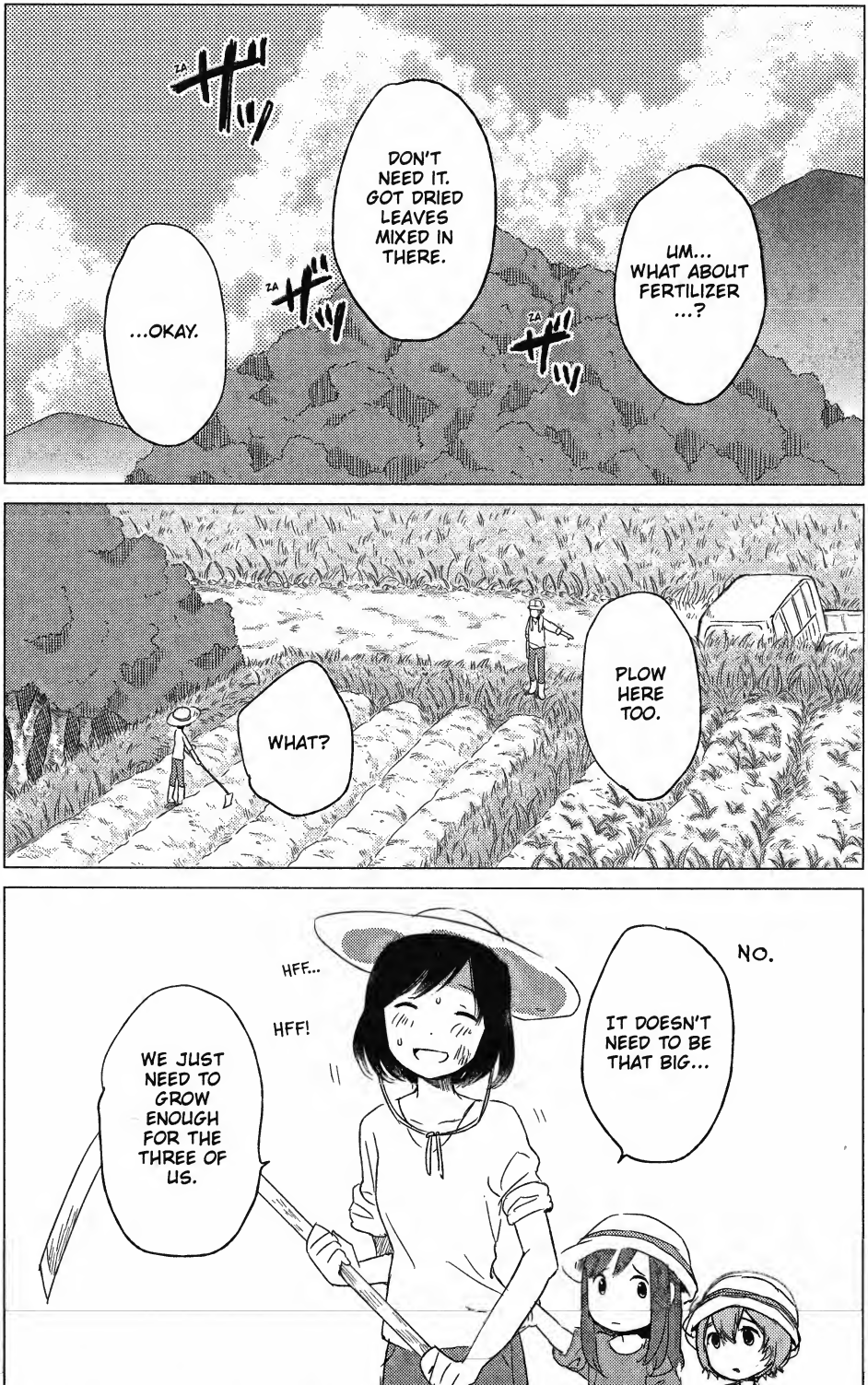
NO!
IT WAS MY FAULT.
HA HA.
HYOI (FWP)
ひょいっ
HULLO THERE!
JIIIII (STAAAARE)
じぃ〜〜
.....
..... EXCUSE THEM...
AH HA HA HA!
NO, NO! IT'S FINE!

OKAY!
ぽん
PON
(PLOP)
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?


...OH!
MR. NIRASAKI!
THANK YOU FOR THE SEED POTATOES.
YOU PLANNIN' TO WASTE 'EM?
ZA (KRK)
WHAT?

START FROM THE SOIL!
.....
.....o—
OKAY...

ZA (KRK)
ザッ
ZA
ザッ
CAN'T YOU DIG ANY DEEPER?
O—
OKAY!
AAH!!
ZAKU (CRUNCH)
ざくっ

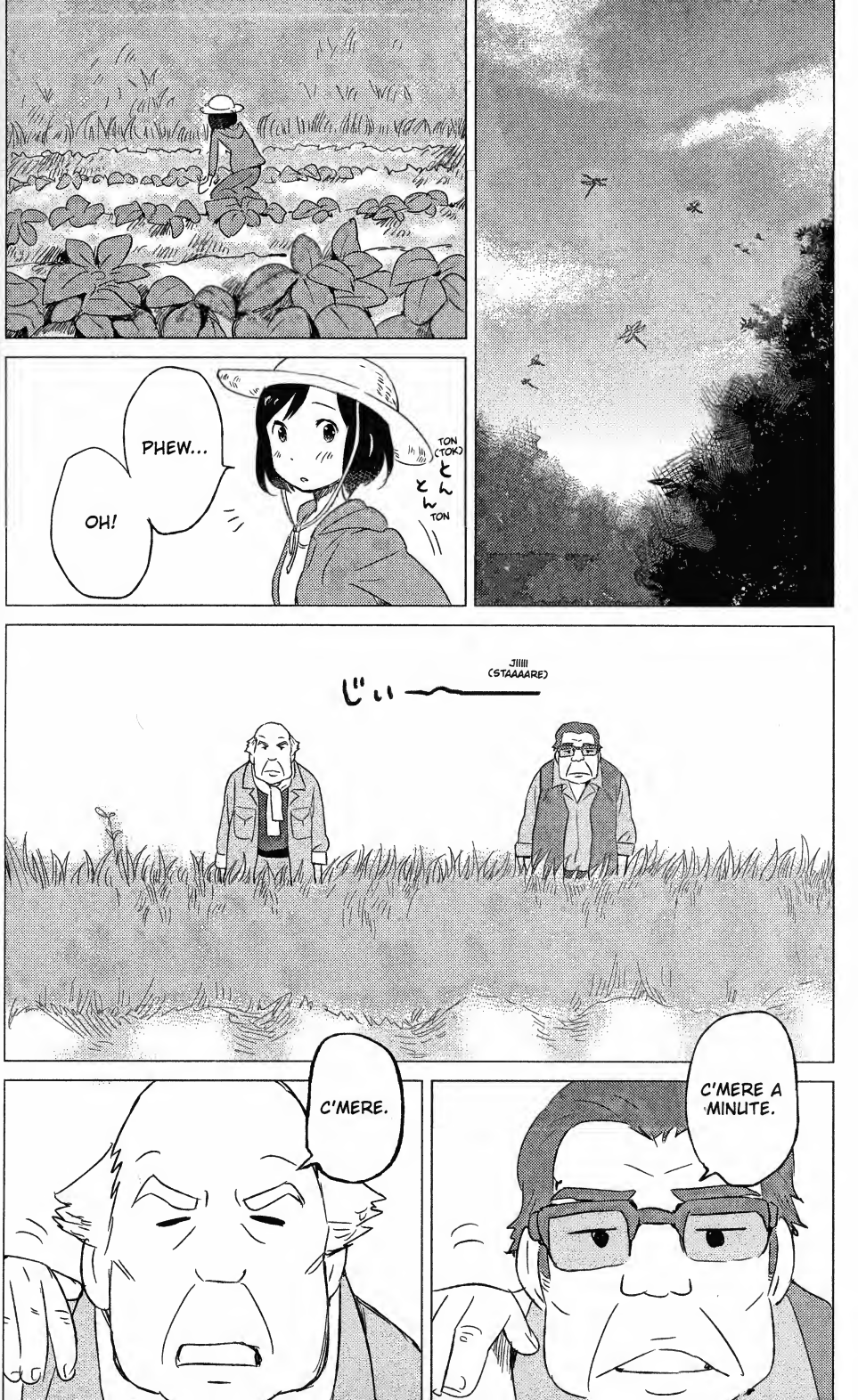

ZA
UM... WHAT ABOUT FERTILIZER ...?
DON'T NEED IT. GOT DRIED LEAVES MIXED IN THERE.
...OKAY.
PLOW HERE TOO.
WHAT?
NO.
IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE THAT BIG...
HFF...
HFF!
WE JUST NEED TO GROW ENOUGH FOR THE THREE OF US.

.....
YOU DEAF?
HURRY UP AND GET TO IT.
OKAY...
DIG SOME RIDGES.
OKAY.
OPEN UP THE SPACE MORE.
OKAY.
TOO LOW. NEED 'EM HIGHER.
OKAY.
HFF!
HFF!

ZA (KRK)
HFF!
ZA
HFF!

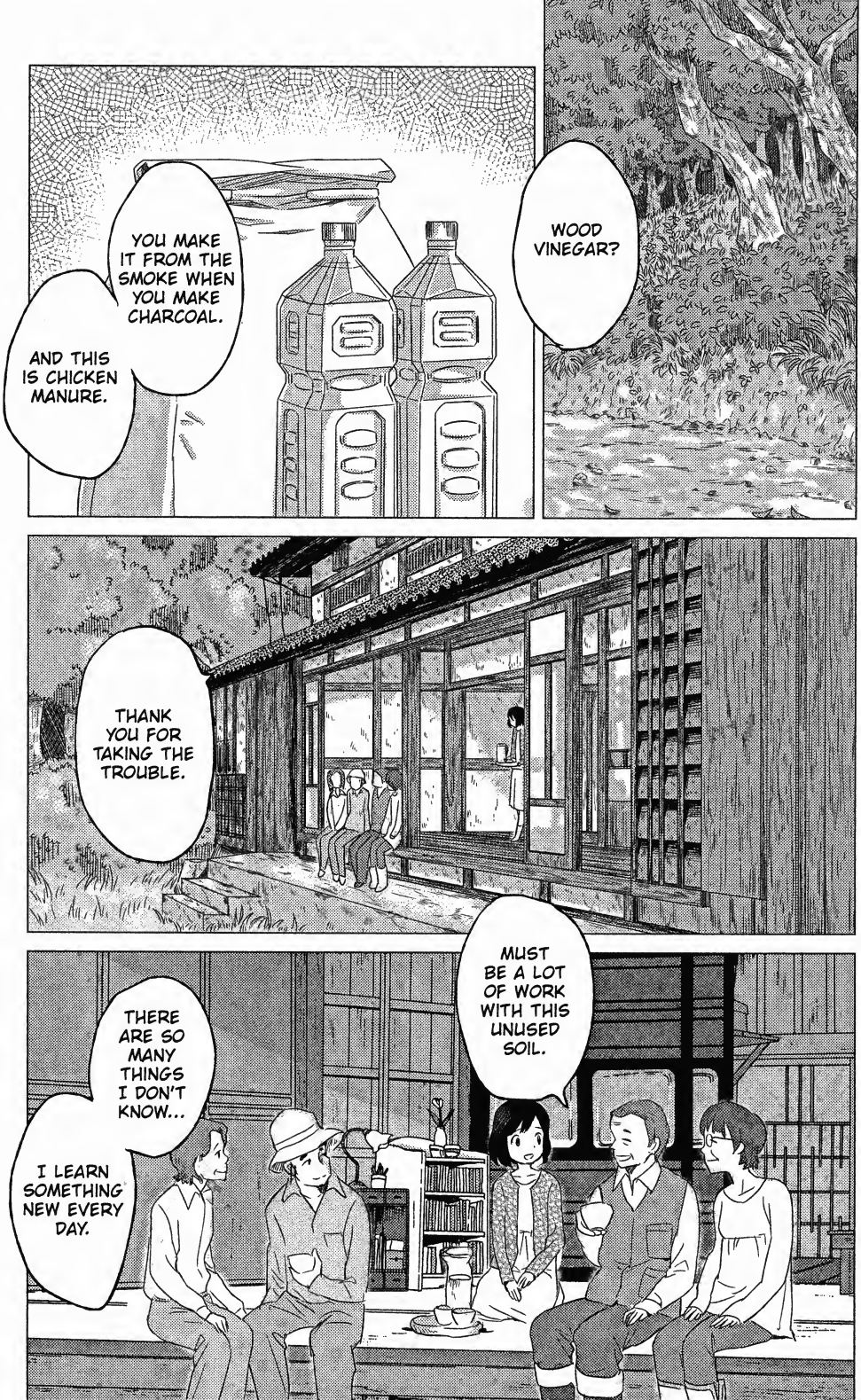
ガサッ
GASA (RUSTLE)
WAIT A WEEK, THEN PLANT 'EM WITH THE CUT SIDE DOWN.
SAKU (SLICE)
DON'T WATER 'EM.
JUST LET 'EM BE.
OH.....
UM...
THANK YOU...
...FOR ALL YOUR HELP!
BAN (SLAM)

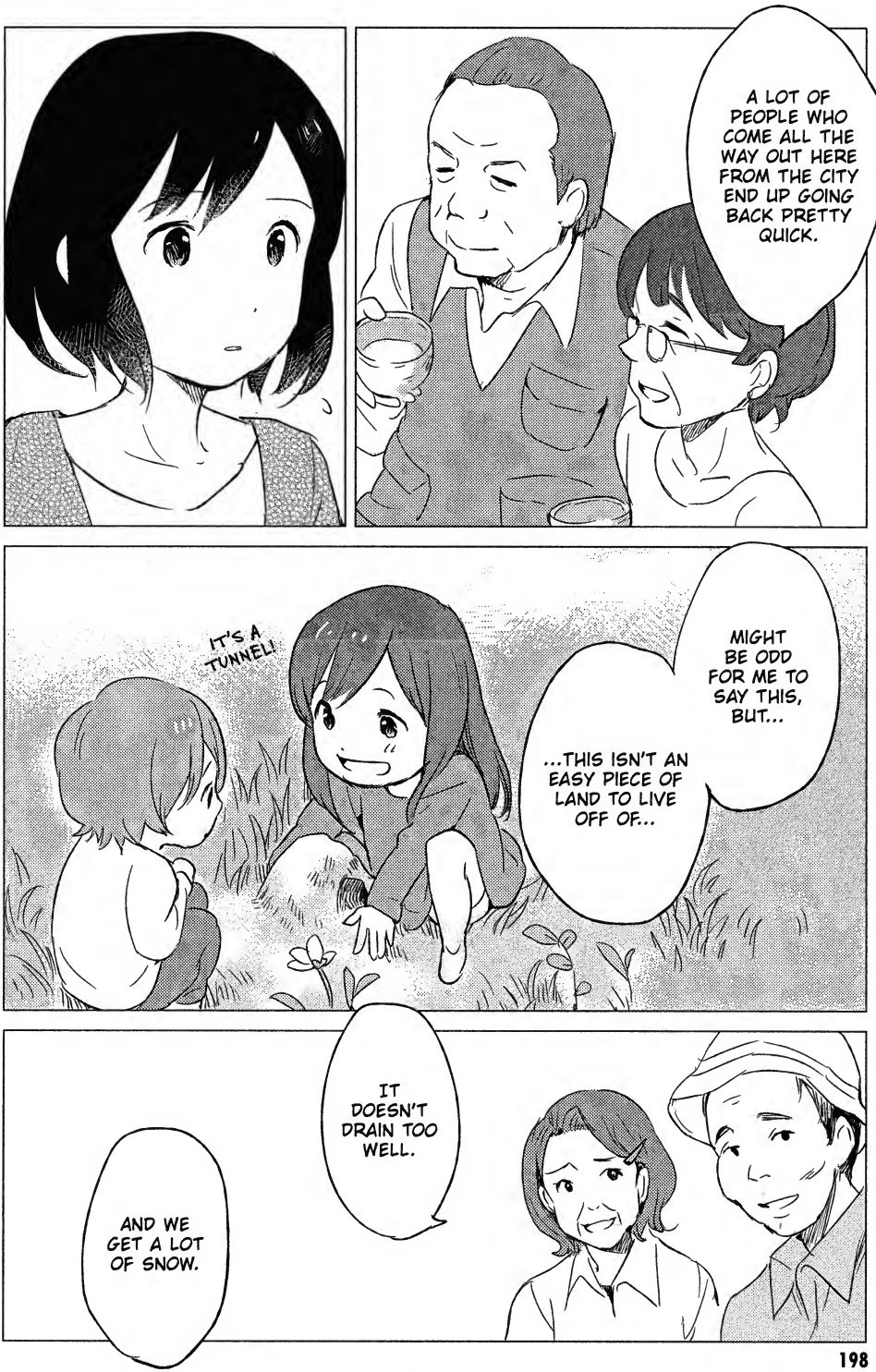
TA (TMP)
たたたた…
YOU OKAY, MOM?
HFF...
DOTA (FLOP)
どたっ
MOM!
HFF...
UH-HUH...
I'M OKAY.


PHEW...
OH!
TON (TOK)
とん
とん
TON
じぃ
JIIIII (STAAAARE)
C'MERE.
C'MERE A MINUTE.

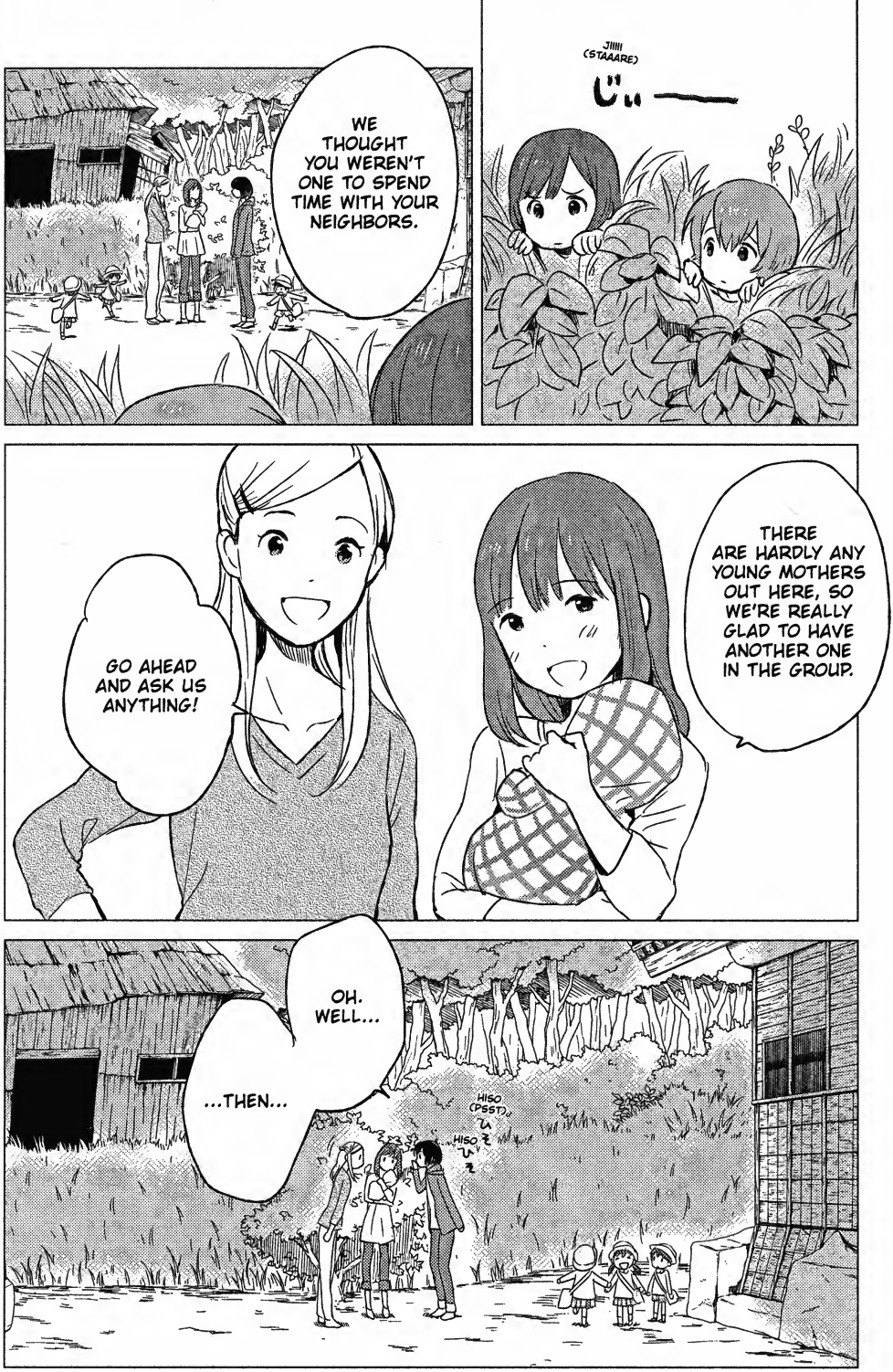
CHAMOMILE 'N' CABBAGE.
PLANT 'EM TOGETHER 'N' YOU WON'T HAVE ANY BUG TROUBLE. THEY'LL TASTE BETTER TOO.
.....
AH... NO, NO!
WITH CABBAGE, YOU NEED CELERY!
BEGINNERS SHOULD USE CHAMOMILE.
LET'S SEE.
NO, NO!
CHAMOMILE! THAT WON'T FILL ANY STOMACHS!
ENOUGH OUTTA YOU!

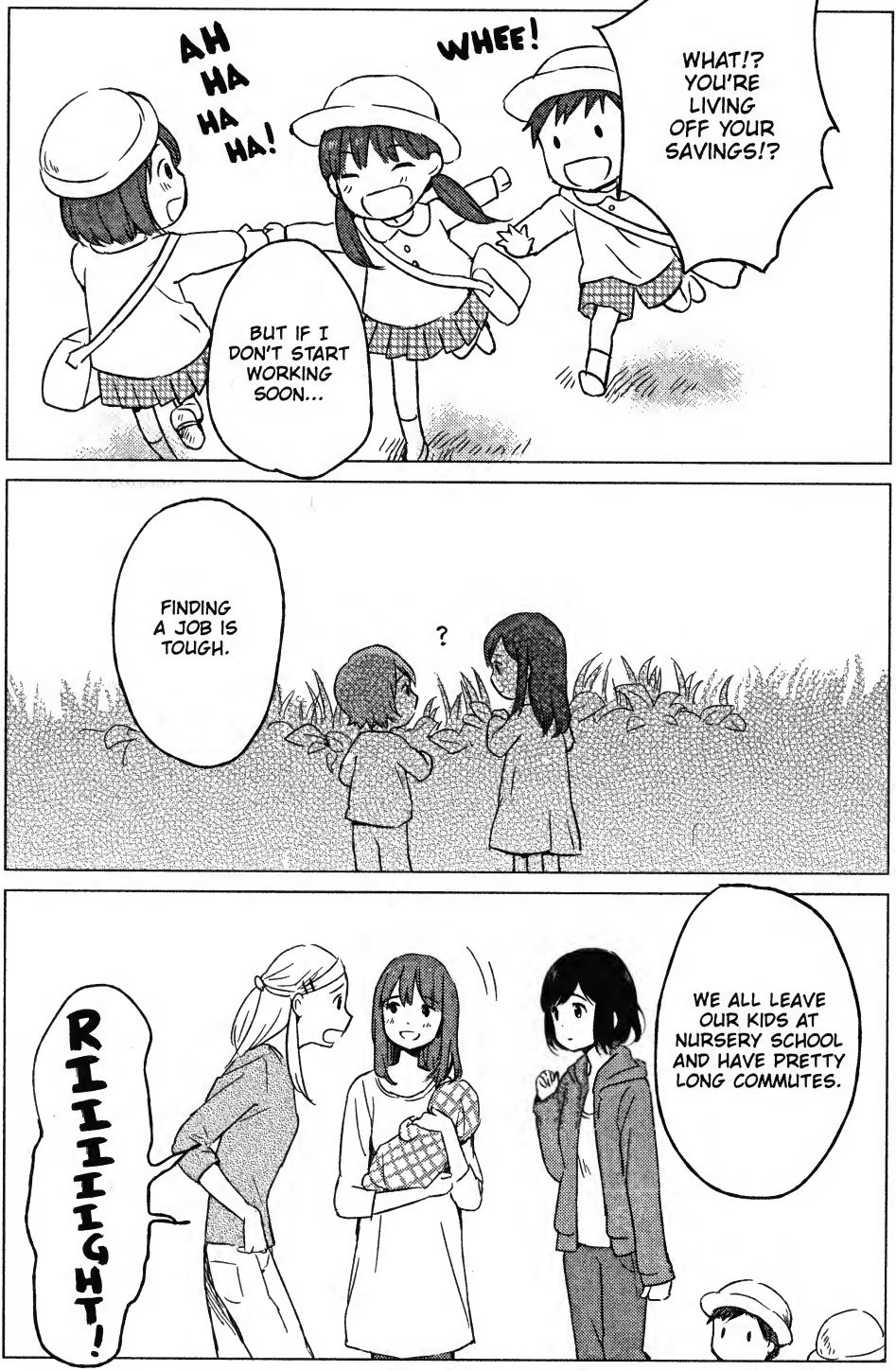
YOU WANT TO PLANT 'EM SHALLOW LIKE THIS.
THAT AIN'T RIGHT! FIRST OFF, YOU GET SOME WATER IN HERE...
.....
NO!!
NO, NOOO! WATER COMES AFTER!
YOU DO IT LIKE HE SAYS, AND YOU'RE IN FOR A WHOLE LOTTA FAILURE!
UH... ERM.
WHAT!?
WHAT!?
LOOK WHO'S TALKING!
THANK YOU SO MUCH...


WOOD VINEGAR?
YOU MAKE IT FROM THE SMOKE WHEN YOU MAKE CHARCOAL.
AND THIS IS CHICKEN MANURE.
THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TROUBLE.
MUST BE A LOT OF WORK WITH THIS UNUSED SOIL.
THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I DON'T KNOW...
I LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY.


A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE FROM THE CITY END UP GOING BACK PRETTY QUICK.
MIGHT BE ODD FOR ME TO SAY THIS, BUT...
...THIS ISN'T AN EASY PIECE OF LAND TO LIVE OFF OF...
IT'S A TUNNEL!
IT DOESN'T DRAIN TOO WELL.
AND WE GET A LOT OF SNOW.

WE JUST GOTTA HELP EACH OTHER OUT, RIGHT?


WE THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T ONE TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS.
JIIIII (STAAARE)
じ…
GO AHEAD AND ASK US ANYTHING!
THERE ARE HARDLY ANY YOUNG MOTHERS OUT HERE, SO WE'RE REALLY GLAD TO HAVE ANOTHER ONE IN THE GROUP.
OH. WELL...
...THEN...
HISO (PSST)
HISO


AH HA HA HA!
WHEE!
WHAT!? YOU'RE LIVING OFF YOUR SAVINGS!?
BUT IF I DON'T START WORKING SOON...
FINDING A JOB IS TOUGH.
?
WE ALL LEAVE OUR KIDS AT NURSERY SCHOOL AND HAVE PRETTY LONG COMMUTES.
RIIIIIGHT!

WHAT'S "NURSERY SCHOOL" LIKE?
TON (TUK)
トン
TON
トン
WHAT?
WHY DON'T ME AND AME GO?
W—
WELL, IT'S JUST...

I WANNA GO TO NURSERY SCHOOL TOO!!!
YOU CAN'T.
CAN TOO!!
YOU CAN'T!
CAN TOOOO!!

じたばた
JITA (FLAIL)
BATA (KICK)
CAN TOO, CAN TOO, CAN TOO, CAN TOOOOOOOO!!!
じたばた
JITA
BATA
じたばた
JITA
BATA
I WANNA GO TO NURSERY SCHOOL!
I WANNA, I WANNA, I WANNA, I WANNA-AAAAAAA!!!
ばたばた
BATA
I WANNA GOOOOOO!
WAAAH!
YUKI, COME ON. EAT YOUR DINNER.

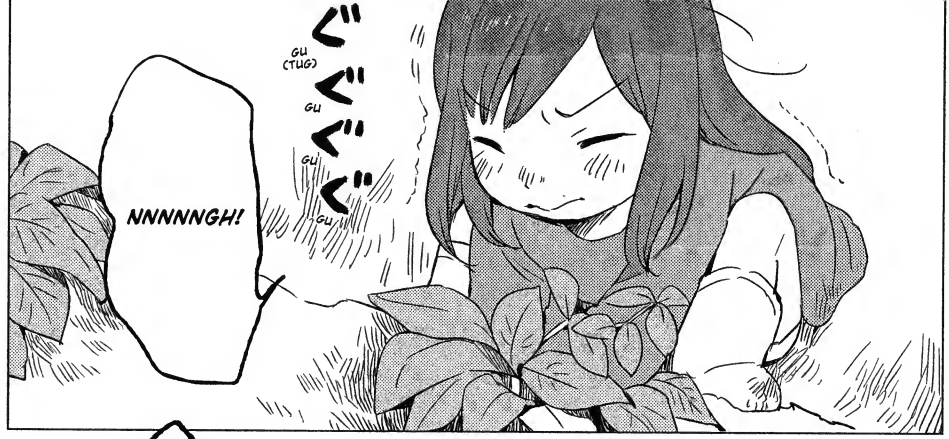
I KNOW BEING A WOLF'S A SECRET, Y'KNOW.
HIKKU (HIC)
ひっく
HIKKU
ひっく
ZUBI (SNIFFLE)
ずびっ
LID: CIRCLE-PACK PUDDING
BUT I CAN KEEP A SECRET, Y'KNOW.
SUN (SNIFF)
すん
SUN
すん

I KNOW YOU CAN.
BUT, HONEY...
I CAN, YOU KNOW.
...WILL GO OFF INTO THE GREAT BIG WORLD OUT THERE.
THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN THESE CHILDREN OF MINE...
MM-HMM.....

WOLF
CHILDREN
AME & YUKI

GU (YANK)
ぐっ
ZA (KRIK)
ザッ
ZA
ザッ
WOW!!

Chapter 6 Wild


GU (TUG)
GU
GU
GU
NNNNNGH!

AAAH!!
BUCHIN (HRRRK)
ぶちん

PON (PLOP)
ぽん

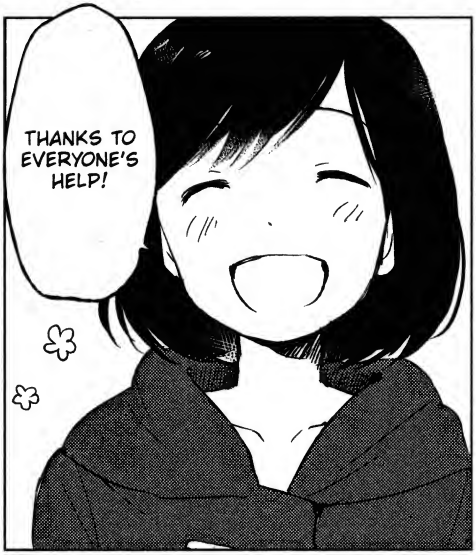
PA (PAT)
ぱっ
PA
ぱっ

WOW!
WE GOT SO MANY!!
TEKU (TROT)
TEKU
MRS. NIRASAKI!!!!!
MR. NIRASAKI!!!!!
.....MAYBE THEY'RE NOT HOME?

MMM.
THESE CAME UP NICE.

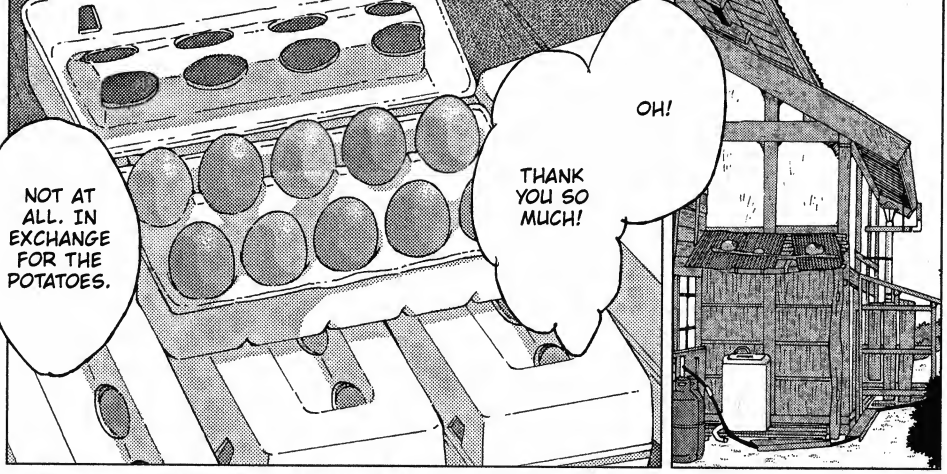
TEKU
TEKU

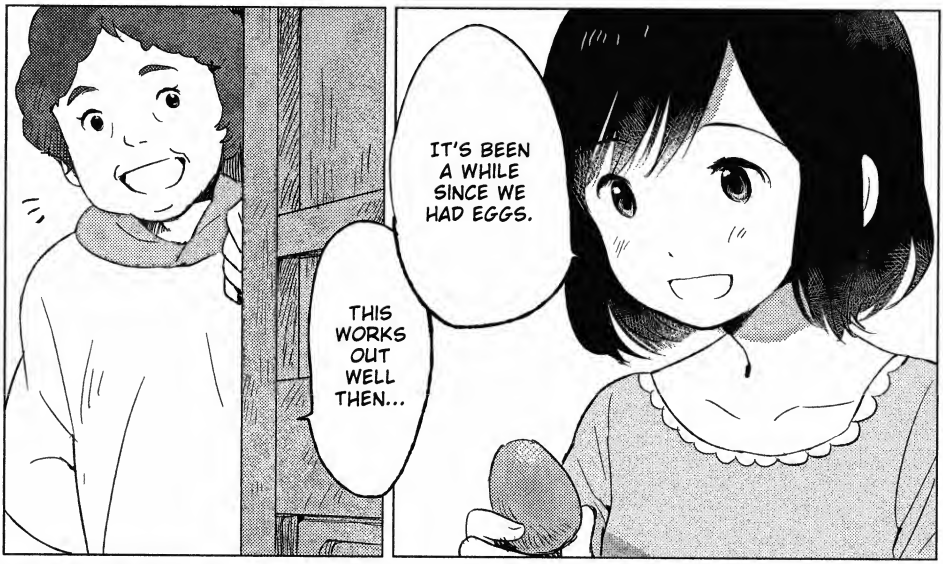
SOME WILD BOARS GOT INTO OURS...
WILD BOARS?


THANKS TO EVERYONE'S HELP!

どさっ
DOSA (FWUMP)
AH!
SO MANY ...!
MOM!
MOM!
I GOTTA PEE!
HERE, TAKE THESE.
WONDER WHY THEY DIDN'T TOUCH YOUR FIELD, HANA-CHAN?

HANA-CHAN, YOUR FIELD'S THE ONLY ONE THAT DIDN'T GET HIT BY THOSE ANIMALS.
WHAT'S YOUR SECRET?
HERE YOU GO! RICE IN RETURN!
DON (THUD)
WAH!
TEKU (TROT)
TEKU
SECRET? OH, NOTHING—
I SAID, I HAFTA PEE!!!
ACK!!
COULD THE REASON BE—!!?
HAFTA PEE...
?
SHHHH!
YOU CAN GO WHEN WE GET HOME.

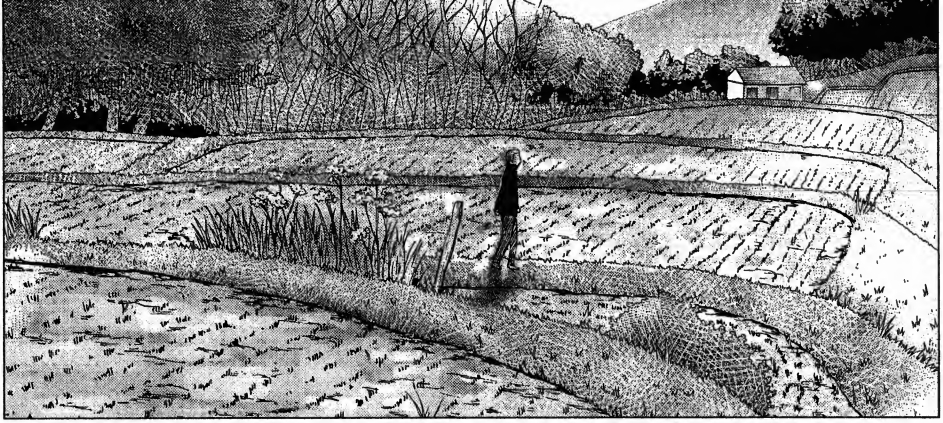

NOT AT ALL. IN EXCHANGE FOR THE POTATOES.
OH! THANK YOU SO MUCH!


THIS WORKS OUT WELL THEN...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE HAD EGGS.

GOODNESS! YOU'LL NEVER GET ALL THOSE IN THERE.

DODON (THUD)
HUP!
PHEEEEW.
NAW, NAW!
IT WAS JUST SITTING IN THE SHED. TAKE IT.
I-I COULDN'T! SUCH A...
...HUGE REFRIGERATOR.
WHAT ...!?
IF YOU DON'T TAKE IT, GRAMPS'LL GET MAD AT ME.
HE'S IN LOVE WITH YOU, Y'KNOW, HANA-CHAN.

.....YOUR GRAND-FATHER?
EVEN THOUGH HE'S ALREADY NINETY.
WELL, HE DID GO ROUND TELLIN' EVERYONE TO GIVE YOU GUYS A HAND...
COME ON! HE TOLD US NOT TO SAY ANYTHING!!
WHOOPS!
...IS THAT WHAT HAPPENED ...?



I FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHY...
...I HAD TO MAKE THE FIELD SO BIG!
...I DON'T LIKE IT.

WHY YOU ALWAYS GRINNIN' YOUR HEAD OFF LIKE THAT?

MMPH!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
AH HA HA HA HA HA...
NOTHING.
I'M SORRY.
I JUST FEEL SO RELIEVED SOME-HOW...
AH HA HA HA HA!

KOTO
CTUNK
コト
ALL THIS, EVEN THOUGH...
...WE MOVED OUT HERE TO GET AWAY FROM PEOPLE.....

BUT BEFORE I KNEW IT, EVERYONE AROUND HERE WAS TAKING CARE OF US.
IT WAS HARD IN THE BEGINNING, BUT...
...I FEEL LIKE SOMEHOW...
...WE CAN MAKE IT WORK HERE.

WOOOOOOW!!!

IT'S SO COLD.
YEAH...

.....!!
WOW.....

ばっ
BA (LEAP)
IT'S AAAALL WHIIITE —!!
ばふっ
BAFU (FWUMP)
ごろん
GORON
ごろん
GORON
ごろん
GORON (ROLL)
ごろん
GORON
WHEEEEEEEEE!!
AHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

O—
...'KAY...

ZUBE
(WHUMP)
ずべっ
AAH!

UNNNNH...

AME!
YUKI!
HERE I COME!
ばっ
BA (LEAP)
MMMM!
AAAAH!
どさっ
DOSA (FLOP)

AH
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!

HURRY!
WAIT FOR ME!
HAAH!
HAAH!

ぴょこ
PYOKO (POP)
KURUN (FLIP)
くるんっ
WHEEE!
AH HA HA HA HA!
TAN (LEAP)
タン

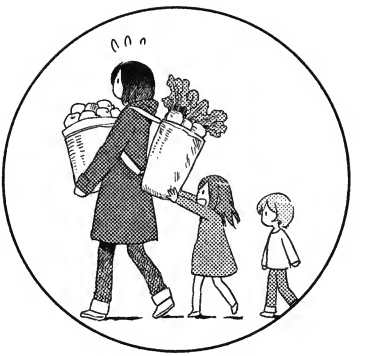
ごろん
GORON (TUMBLE)
WAH!
PWAAH!

AWOOOO!!

AWOOOOO!!!

AH HA HA HA!
HEH HEH .....
AH HA HA HA HA!!

WOLF
CHILDREN
AME & YUKI



Chapter 7 Ame in Winter, Yuki in Spring
た
TA
たっ
TA
(TAK)
.....

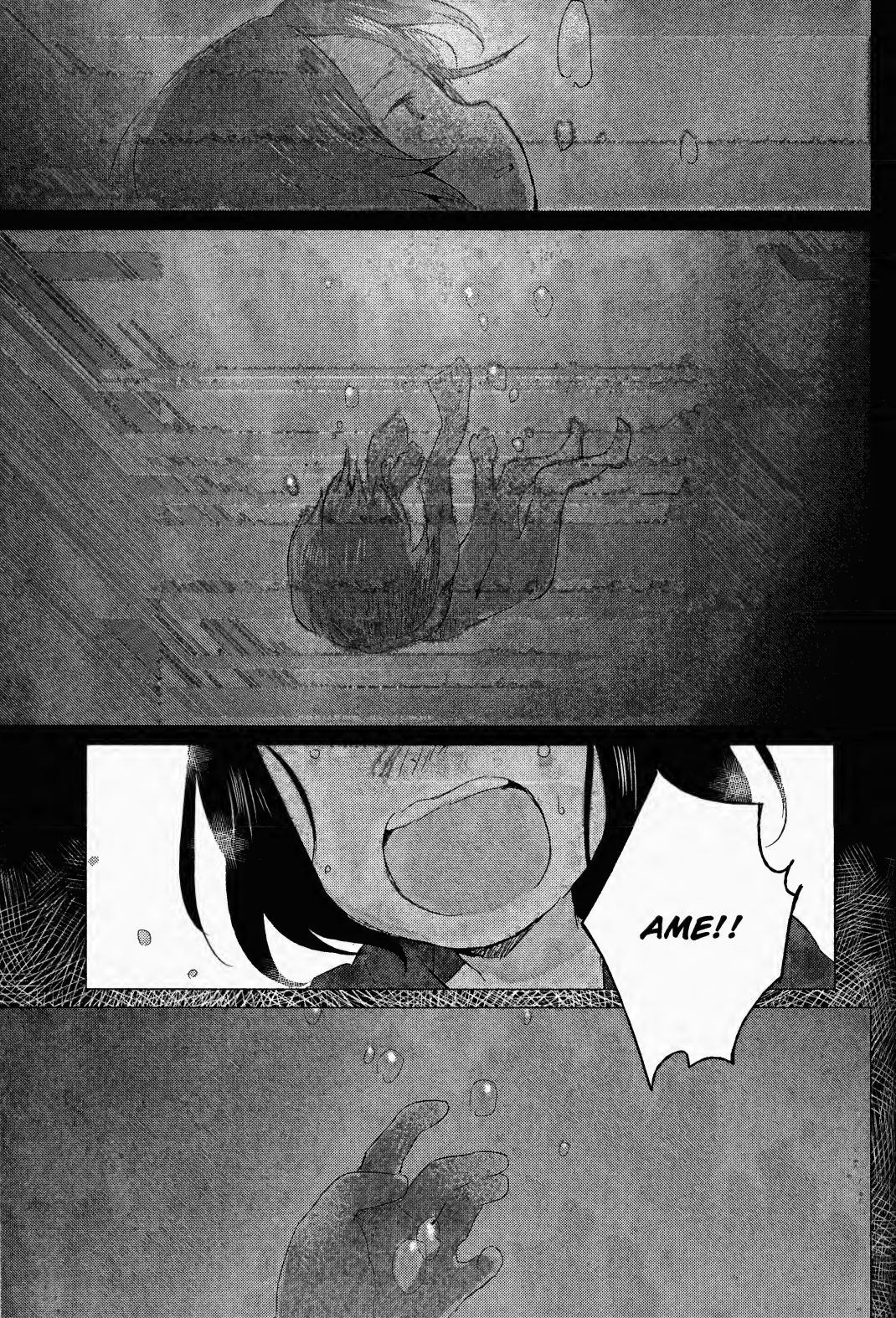
BASHA (SPLOSH)
I'VE SEEN THEM IN BOOKS.....
A KINGFISHER.

ガッ
DA (THUK)
AWOO
バサバサ
BASA (FLAP)
BASA
CU (TUG)

!!
ZURU (TRIP)
ずるっ
BASHAN (SPLASH)
ばしゃん
AME!!....

AME!!
MOM! IT'S AME!!
.....AME?

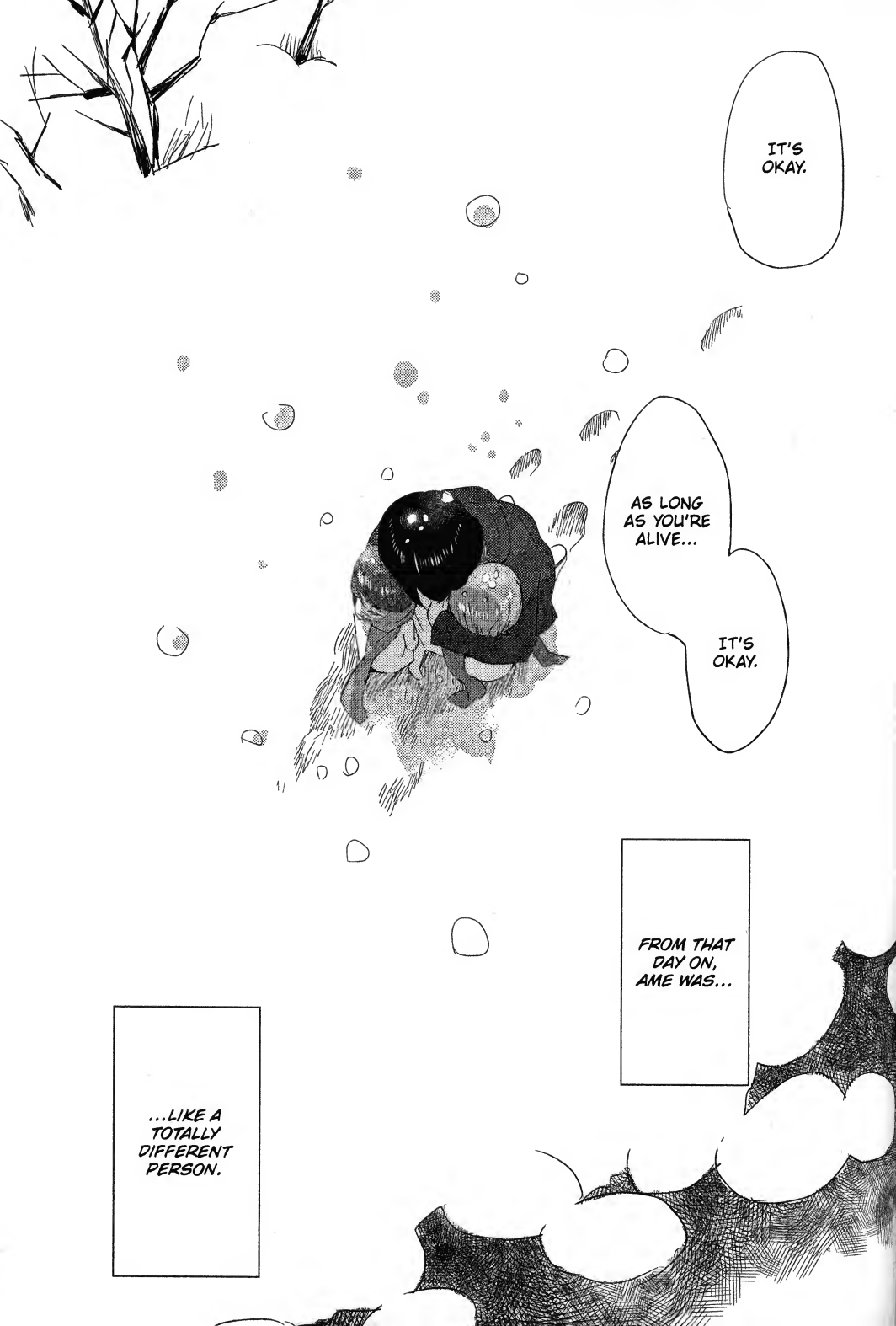
AND YOUR DAD! HE USED TO GO HUNTING, YOU KNOW.
HE ONCE CAUGHT A PHEASANT THIIIIS BIG.
CARD: DRIVER'S LICENSE
AND HE MADE SOME DELICIOUS UDON WITH IT.
WOW!
THAT SOUNDS YUMMY!!
MM-HMM.
IT WAS REALLY, REALLY...
...YUMMY...


AME!!

AME
.....!!
.....MOMMY...

I...
...WASN'T SCARED.
I FELT LIKE I COULD DO ANYTHING.

AND I WANTED...
...TO SHOW YOU THE KINGFISHER.
I'M SORRY...


IT'S OKAY.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALIVE...
IT'S OKAY.
FROM THAT DAY ON, AME WAS...
...LIKE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON.

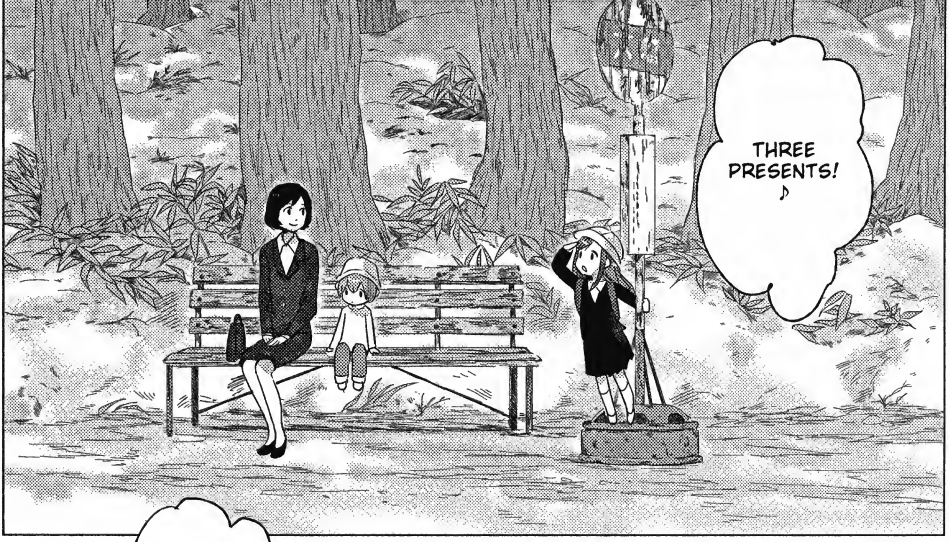
YUKI 6 Y.O.
雪 6さい
YUKI 5 Y.O.
雪 5さい
AME 5 Y.O.
雨 5さい
AME 4 Y.O.
雨 4さい
...WANTED SO BADLY TO GO TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
...RIGHT AROUND THE TIME THE LONG WINTER WAS ENDING AND SPRING APPROACHING ...
I, MEAN-WHILE...
TON (CHOP)
とんとん
TON
TON
TON
I'LL DO EVERYTHING YOU TELL ME TO!
KASHA (CLACK)
かしゃ
KASHA
KASHA
KASHA
I WON'T TURN INTO A WOLF!
OKAY!?
I WANNA GO TO SCHOOL!!!

MY WISH WAS FINALLY GRANTED...
...AND IN THE END, I WAS ALLOWED TO GO.
YUKI.
YOU PROMISE, RIGHT?

I WON'T TURN INTO A WOLF!!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS ...
I KNOW! GEEZ!
OKAY.
THEN...

THREE PRESENTS, THREE OCTOPUSES.
HUH?
IT'S A SPELL TO KEEP YOU FROM TURNING INTO A WOLF.
THREE...
PRES-ENTS!
AH HA HA!
THREE OCTOPUSES!

CHUN (CHIRP)
ちゅん
ちゅん
CHUN
PI (TWEET) ピ〜ロ
PI ピ〜ロ
PI ピ〜ロ
THREE OCTOPUSES! ♪
THREE PRESENTS! ♪
HURRY UP!
OKAY, OKAY!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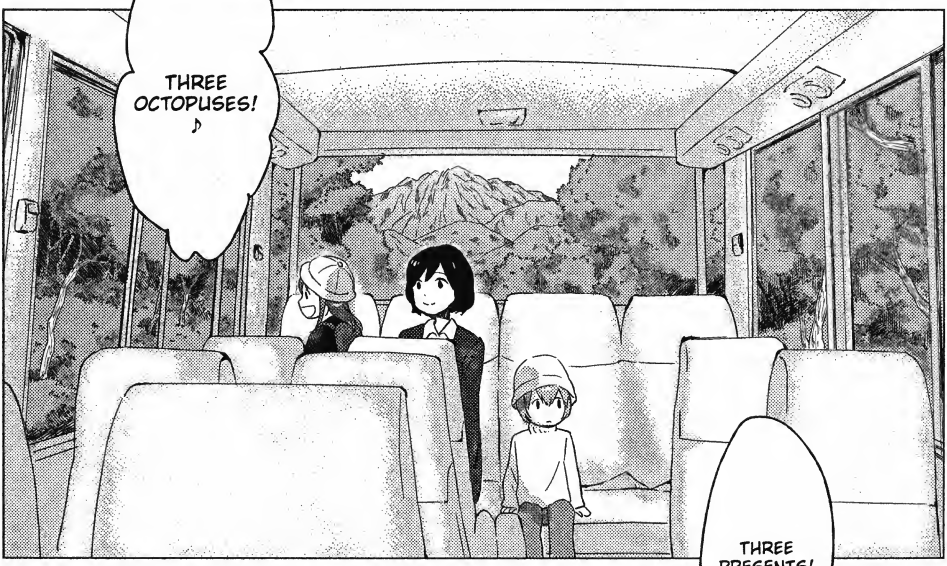
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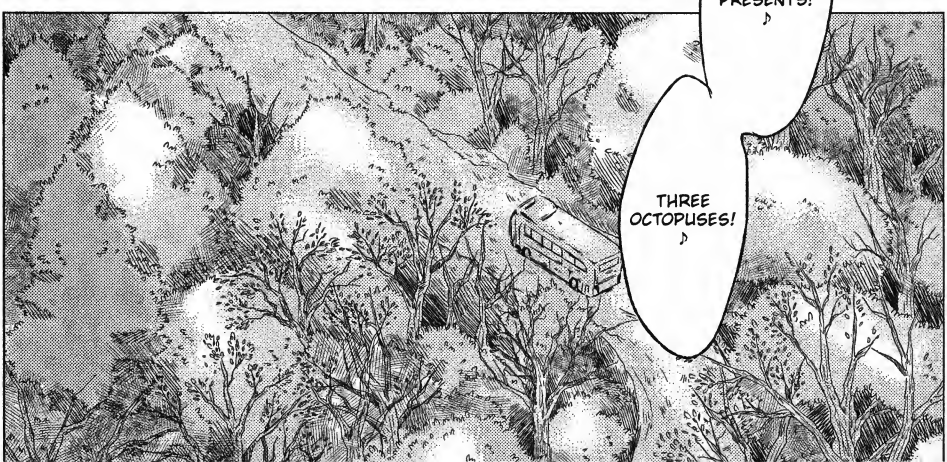
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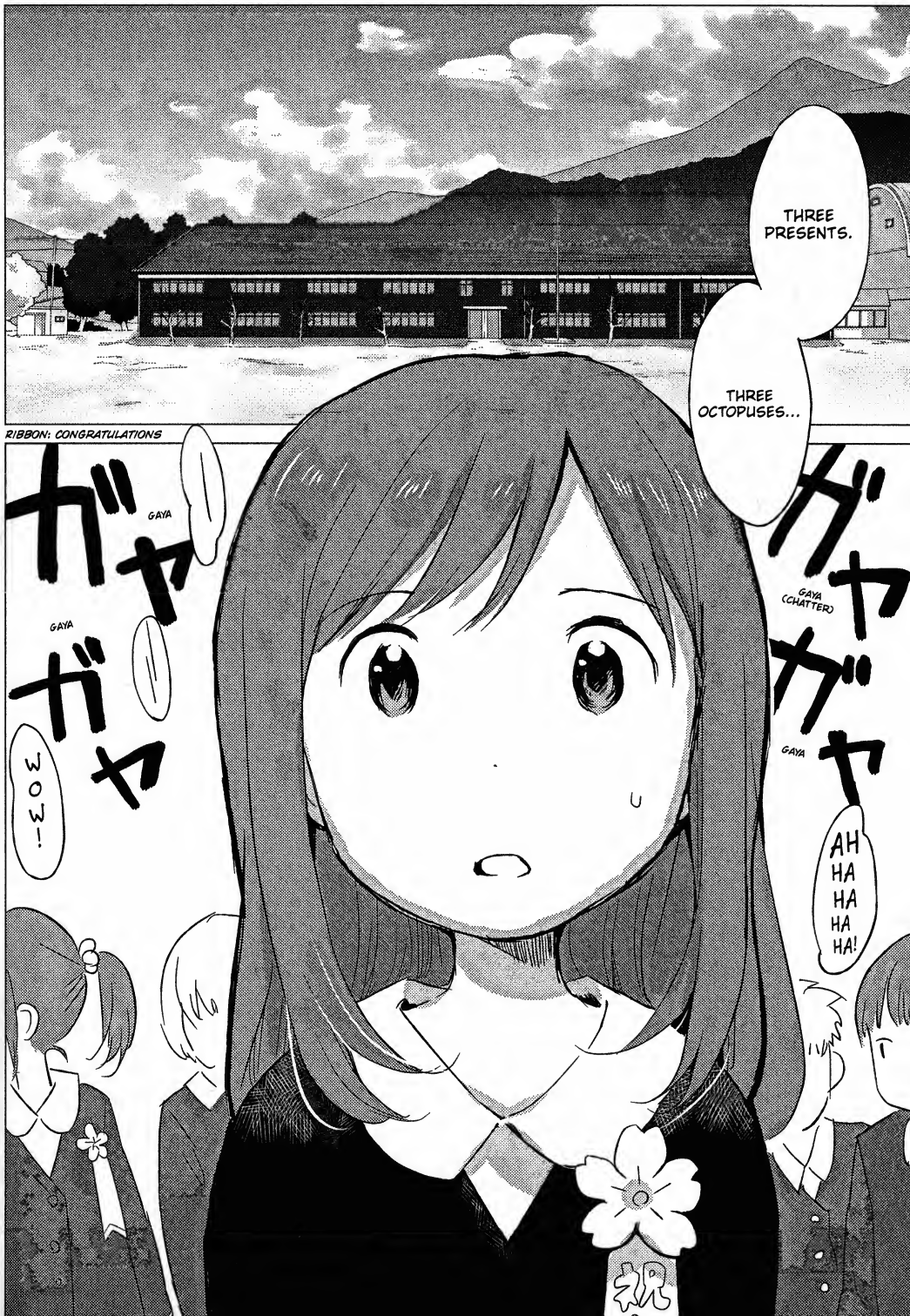
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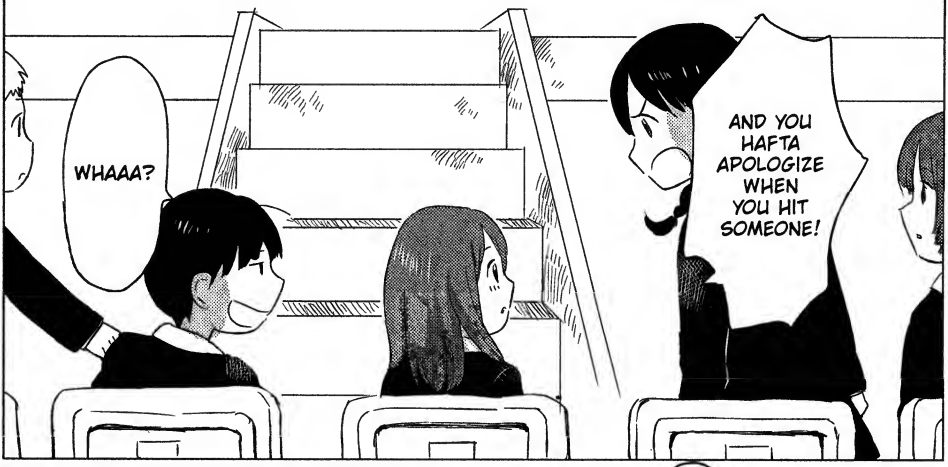
THREE OCTOPUSES...
RIBBON: CONGRATULATIONS
ガヤ
GAYA
ガヤ
GAYA
ガヤガヤ
GAYA (CHATTER)
GAYA
WOW!
AH HA HA HA HA!

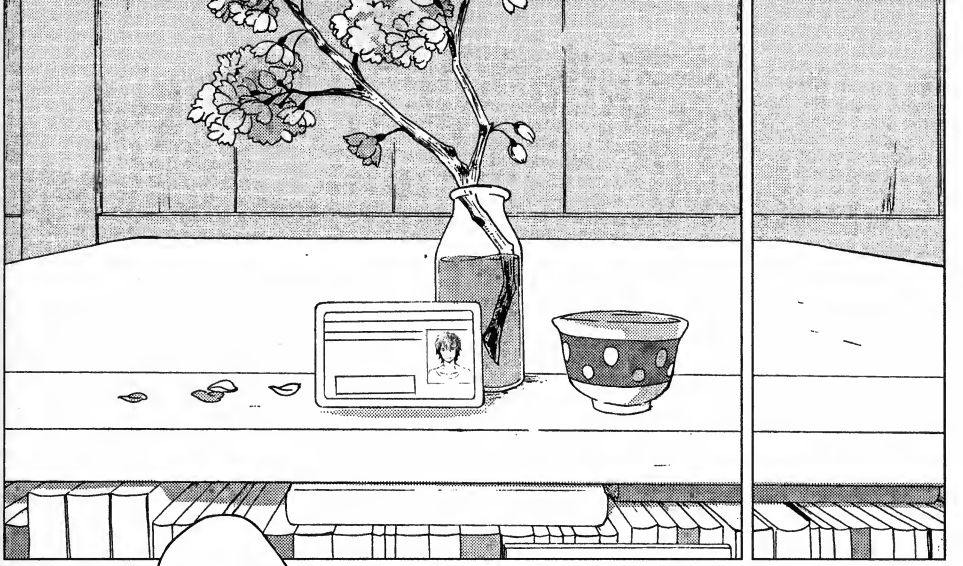
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE...
...I'D BEEN SURROUNDED BY SO MANY PEOPLE.
GAYA
ガヤガヤ
GAYA
WAI (MERRY)
わいわい
WAI
WAH HA HA HA!
KYAAAH!
OOH!
I HAD WANTED TO GO SO BADLY, BUT...
...ACTUALLY BEING THERE...

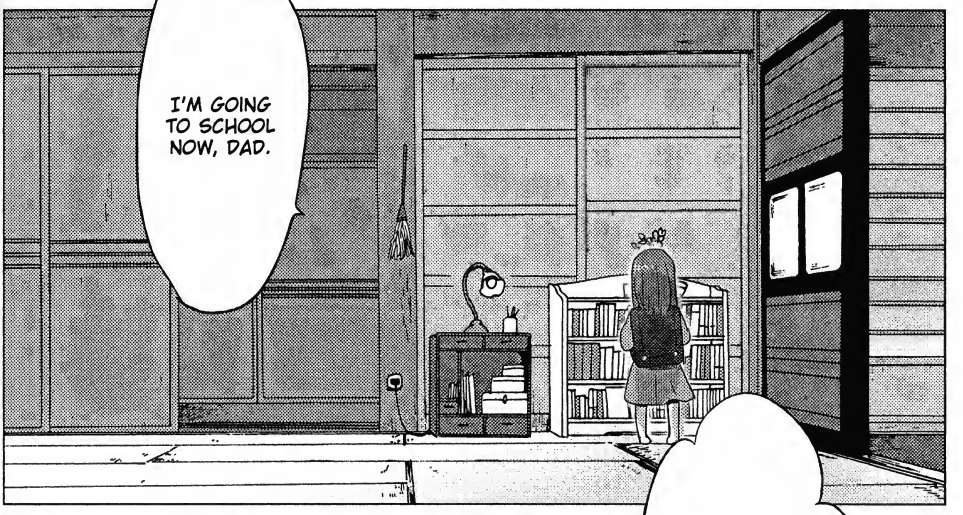
I GOT SO NERVOUS WONDERING IF I COULD GO THROUGH WITH IT...
...THAT I COULD HARDLY STAND IT.
AH HA HA HA!
AH!
どんっ
DON (BUMP)
AH HA HA HA HA!
HEY!
CUT IT OUT!


WHAAA?
AND YOU HAFTA APOLOGIZE WHEN YOU HIT SOMEONE!

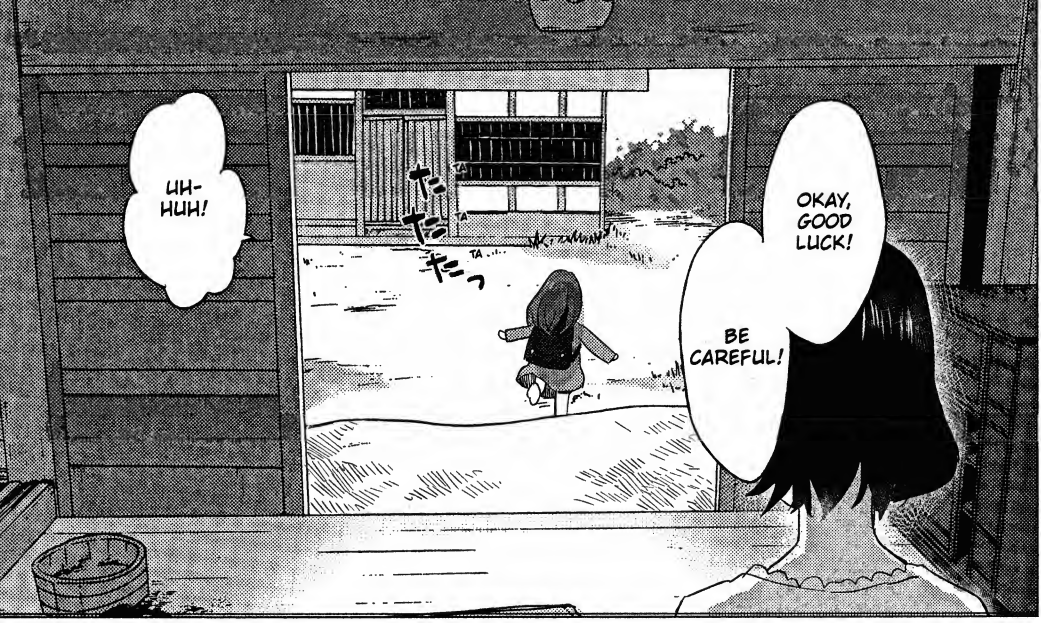
Y...
YUKI.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
YOU OKAY?

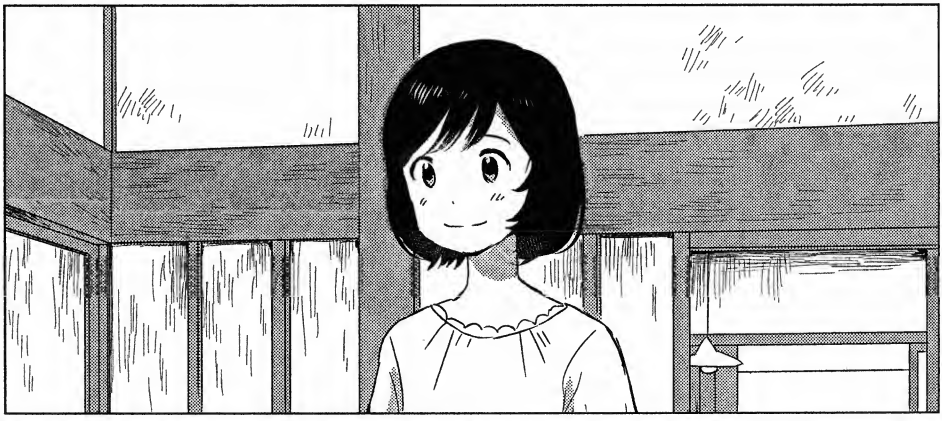
MY NAME'S SHINO.
NICE TO MEETCHA!
YUKI-CHAN, HUH?

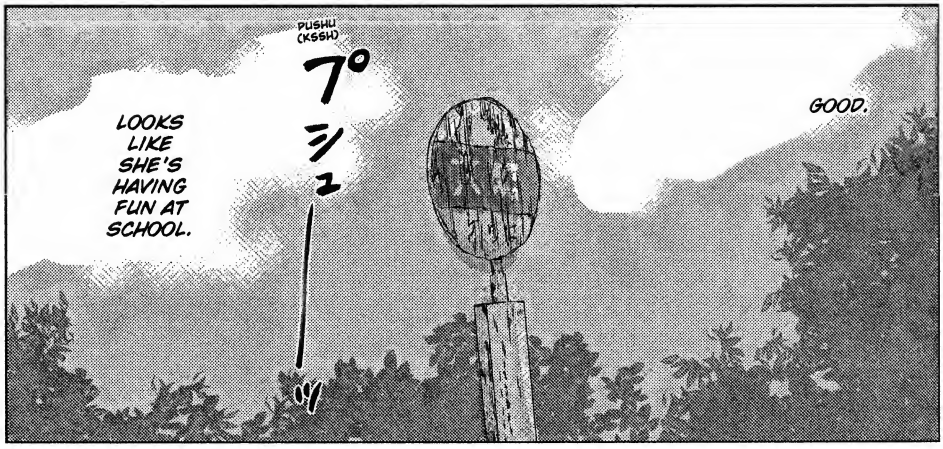



I'M GOING TO SCHOOL NOW, DAD.

I'M GOING TO SCHOOL NOOOOW!
TA (TAK)
た
TA
たっ


BE CAREFUL!
OKAY, GOOD LUCK!
UH-HUH!
TA
TA
TA




LOOKS LIKE SHE'S HAVING FUN AT SCHOOL.
PUSHU (KSSH)
プシュ
GOOD.

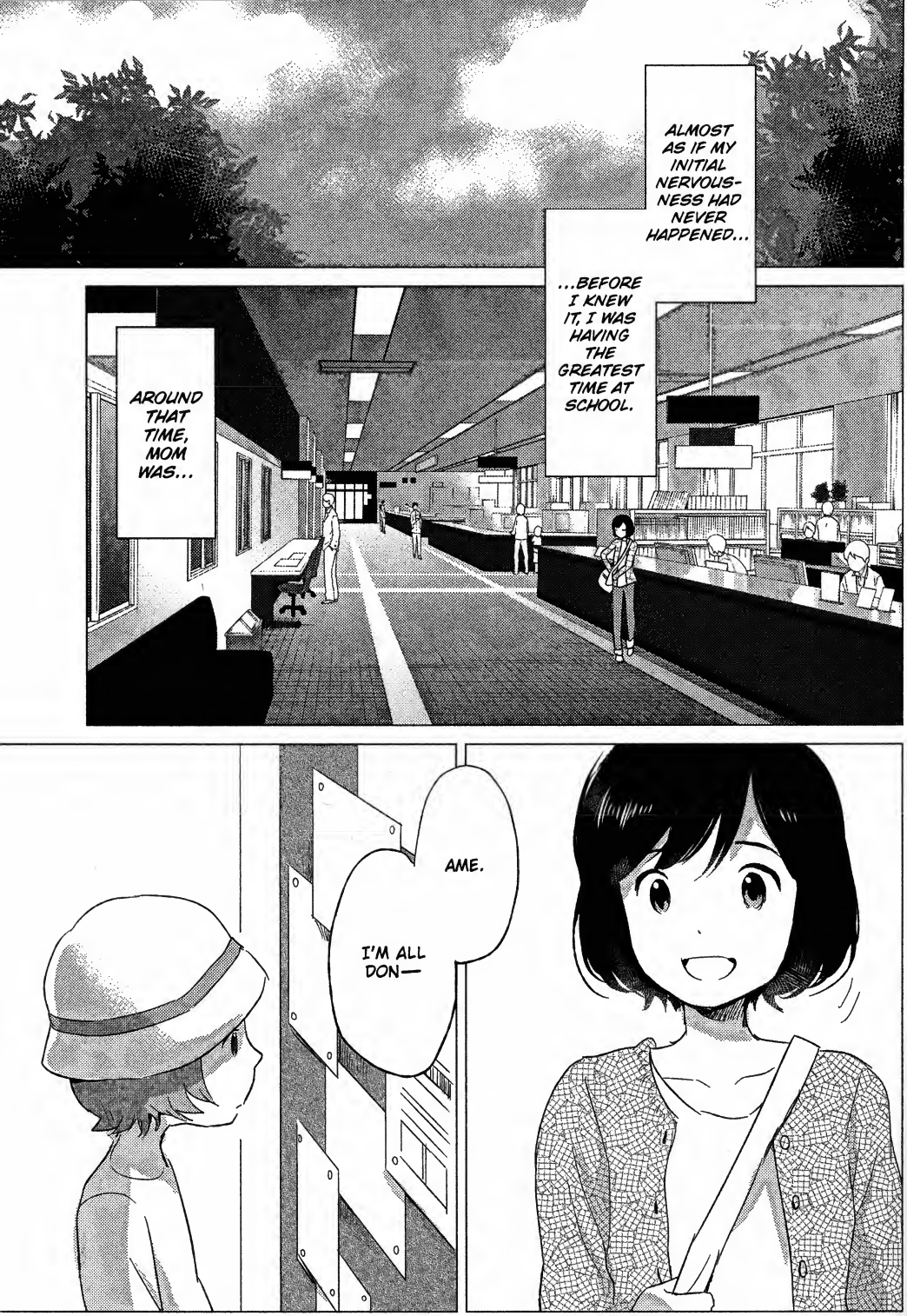
I SAVED A SEAT FOR YOU!
THANKS!
SHINO-CHAN! MORNING!
MORNING, YUKI-CHAN!
1年生
2年生
SIGNS: GRADE 1, GRADE 2, GRADE 3
OKAY!
SO WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER—
BA (POP)
I DO!!

PYON
ぴょん
ぴょん
PYON
I DO!!
I DO,
I DO,
I DO,
I DO!!
I DO!
ぴょん
PYON
(BOING)
12
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
はぐ
HAGU
はぐ
HAGU
はぐ
HAGU
はぐ
HAGU
(SNARF)
はぐ
HAGU
はぐ
HAGU
はぐ
HAGU

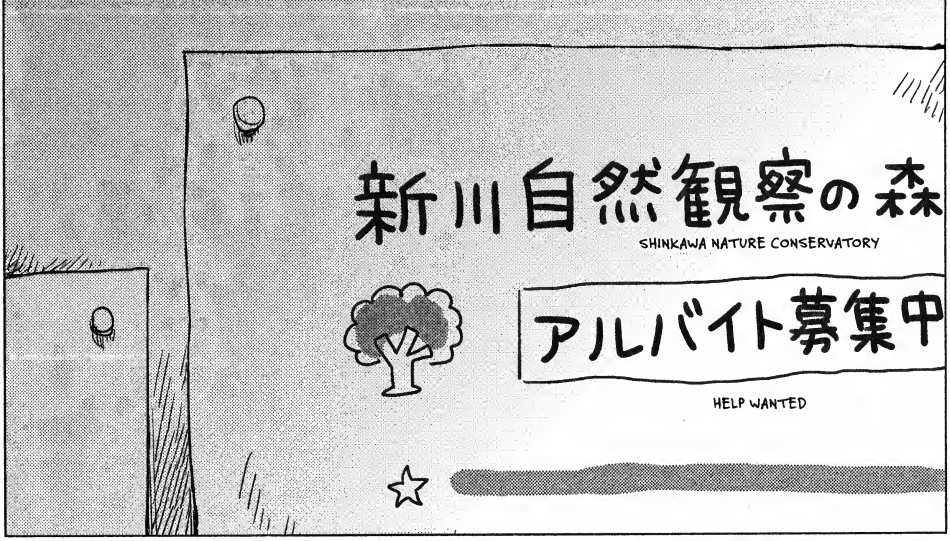
MORE PLEASE!!
ALL RIGHT! A RACE!!
DA (THAK)
DAAAA
YUKI!
NO RUNNING IN THE HALLS!

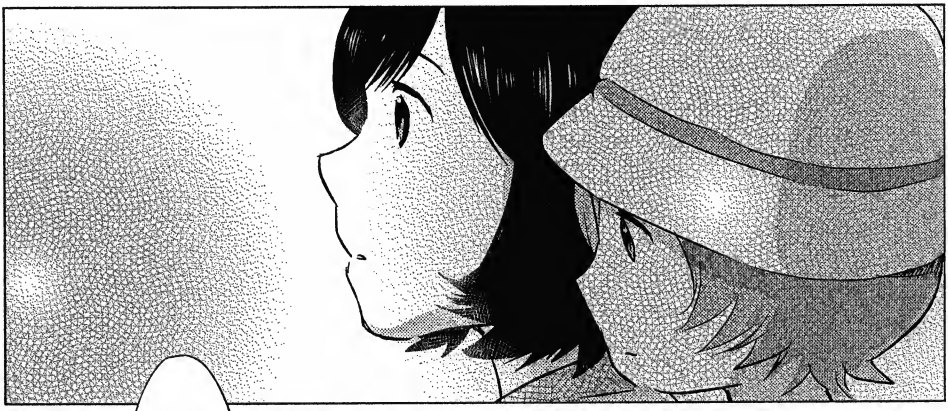
TA (TAK)
たたたたた
YEAH!
YOU CAN DO IT, YUKI-CHAN!
よた
YOTA (STAGGER)
よた
YOTA
ダッ
DA (DASH)~
YUKI-CHAN'S AMAAAAZING!!
WOW!

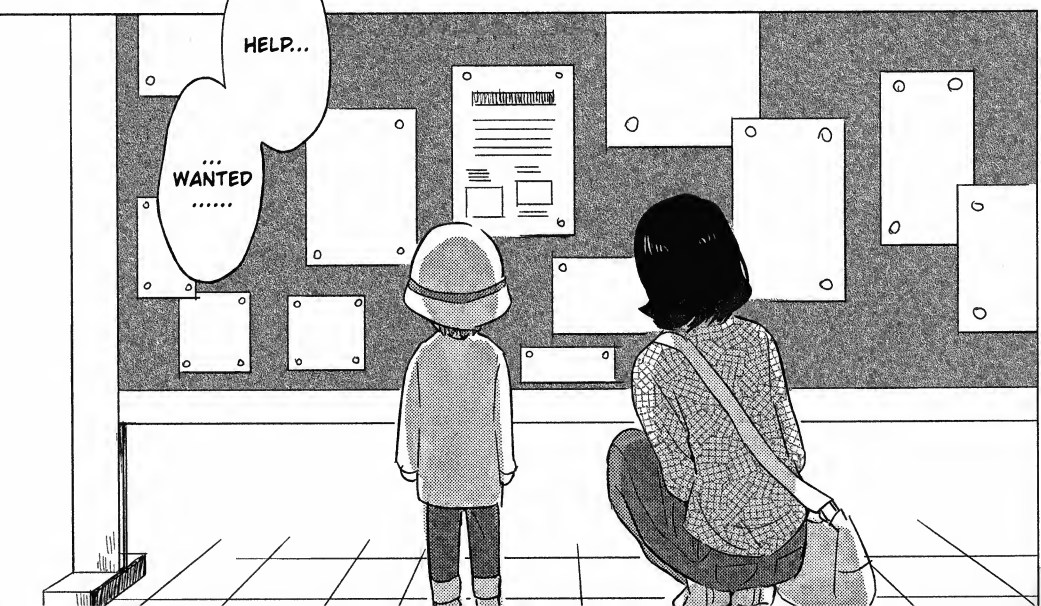
FINISH LINE!!
WHOOOOAA! YOU'RE FAST!
HEH HEH HEH!
ALL THANKS TO YOU, YUKI-CHAN!
FIRST PLACE!


ALMOST AS IF MY INITIAL NERVOUSNESS HAD NEVER HAPPENED...
...BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS HAVING THE GREATEST TIME AT SCHOOL.
AROUND THAT TIME, MOM WAS...
AME.
I'M ALL DON—

.....
LOOK.
HM?
☆シンリンオオカミ
TIMBER WOLF
A WOLF
.....?


新川自然観察の森
SHINKAWA NATURE CONSERVATORY
アルバイト募集中
HELP WANTED

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...
WANTED
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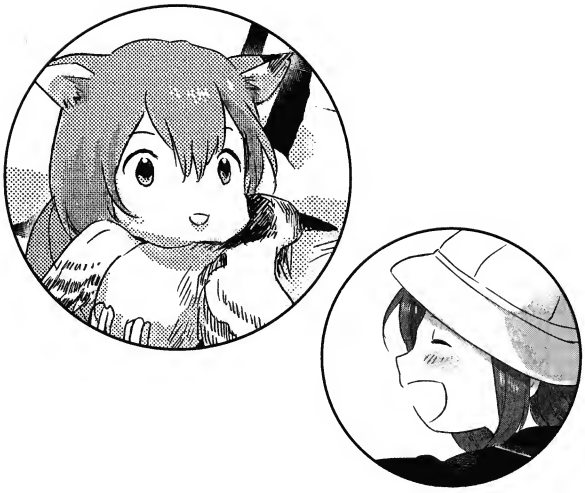
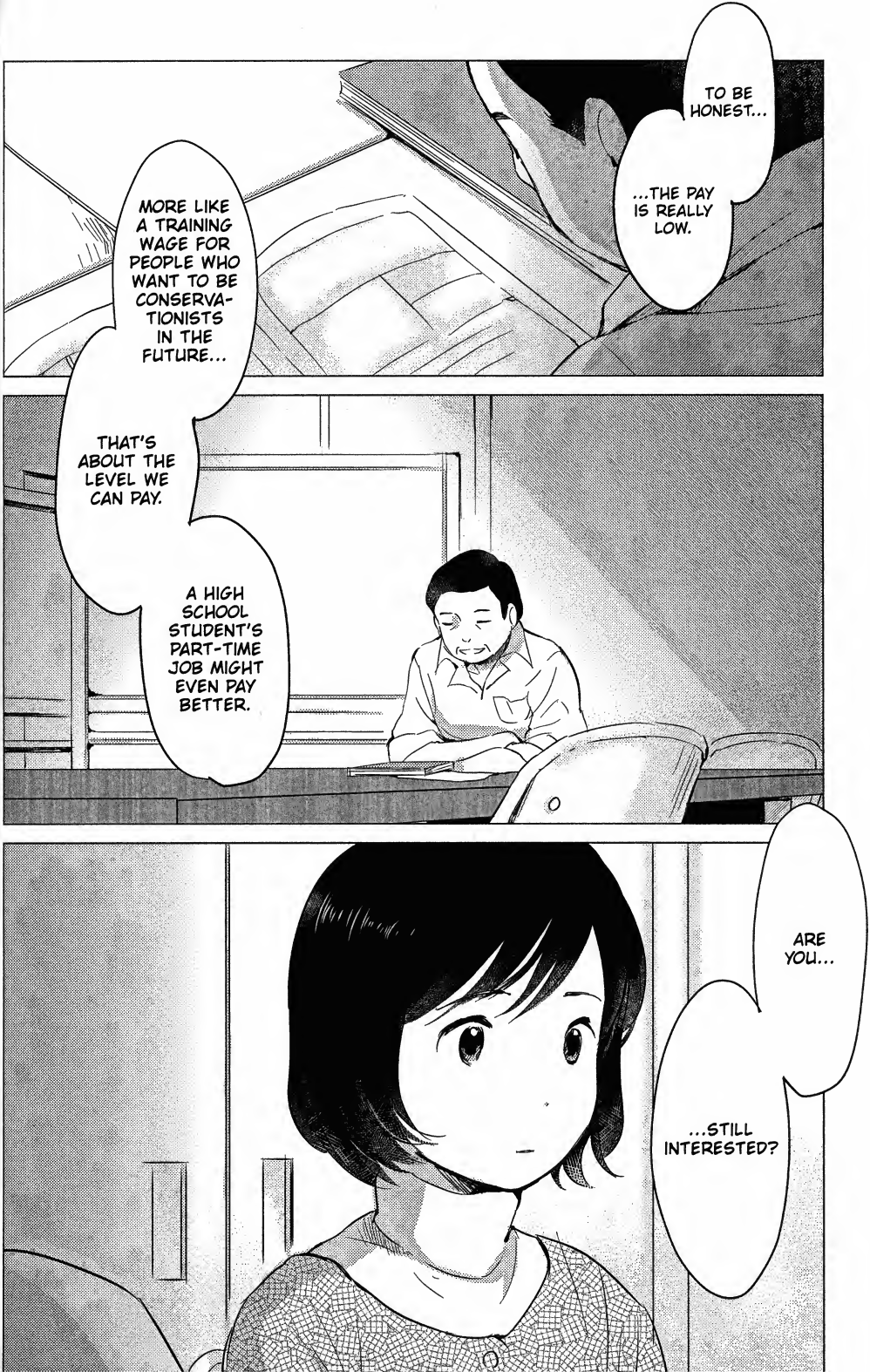
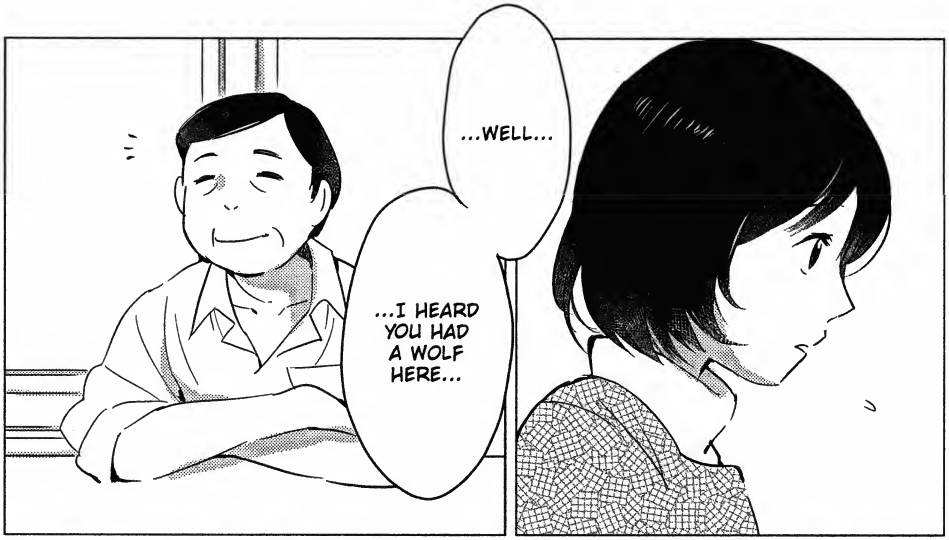


THE JOB OF CONSERVATIONISTS ISN'T JUST TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, FIELD SURVEYS, CONSERVATION OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS.
WE WORK ON THESE THREE PILLARS. WORK WE COULDN'T DO WITHOUT THE HELP OF OUR VOLUNTEERS.


TO BE HONEST...
...THE PAY IS REALLY LOW.
MORE LIKE A TRAINING WAGE FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE CONSERVA-TIONISTS IN THE FUTURE...
THAT'S ABOUT THE LEVEL WE CAN PAY.
A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT'S PART-TIME JOB MIGHT EVEN PAY BETTER.
ARE YOU...
...STILL INTERESTED?


...WELL...
...I HEARD YOU HAD A WOLF HERE...

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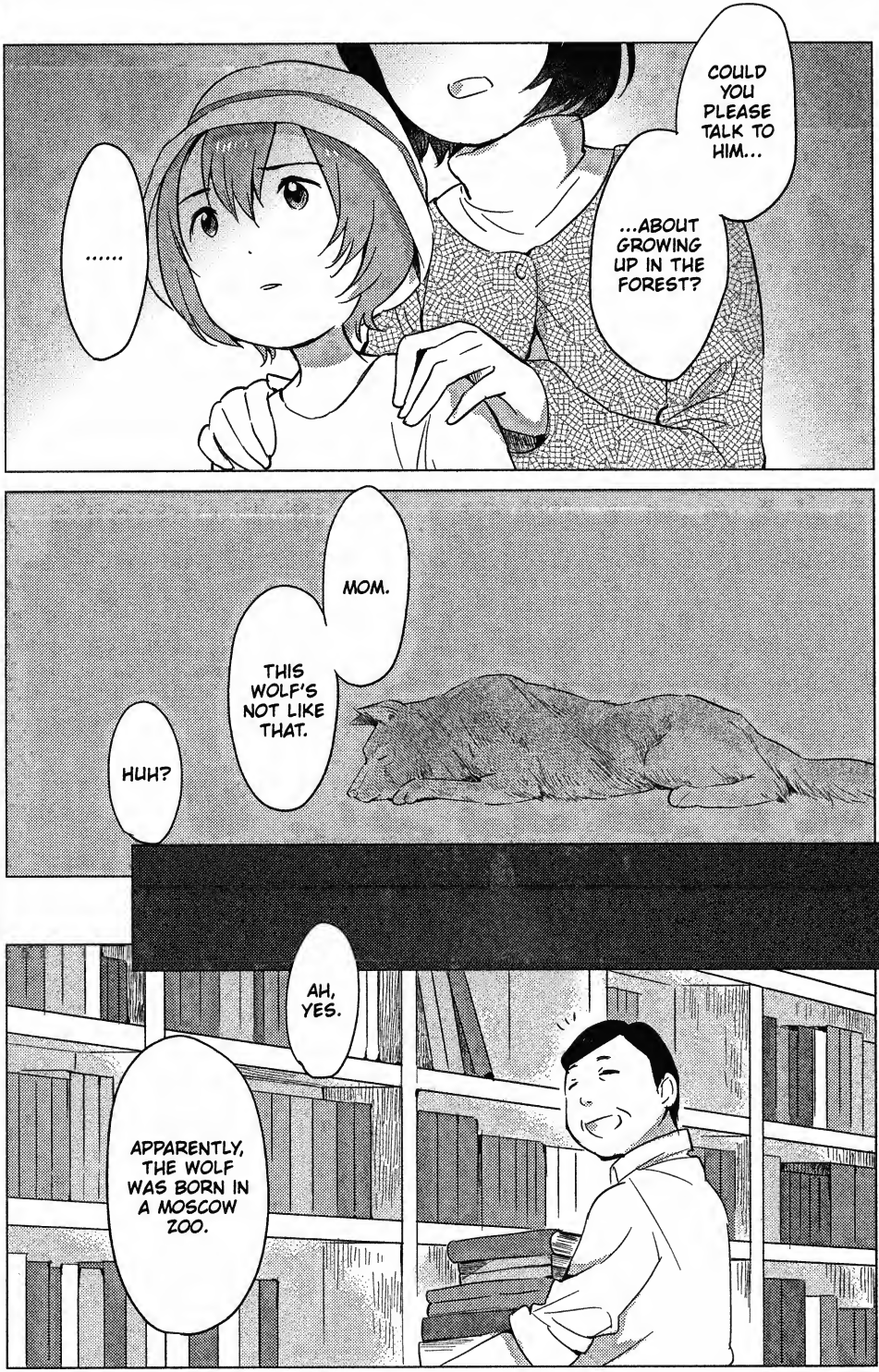
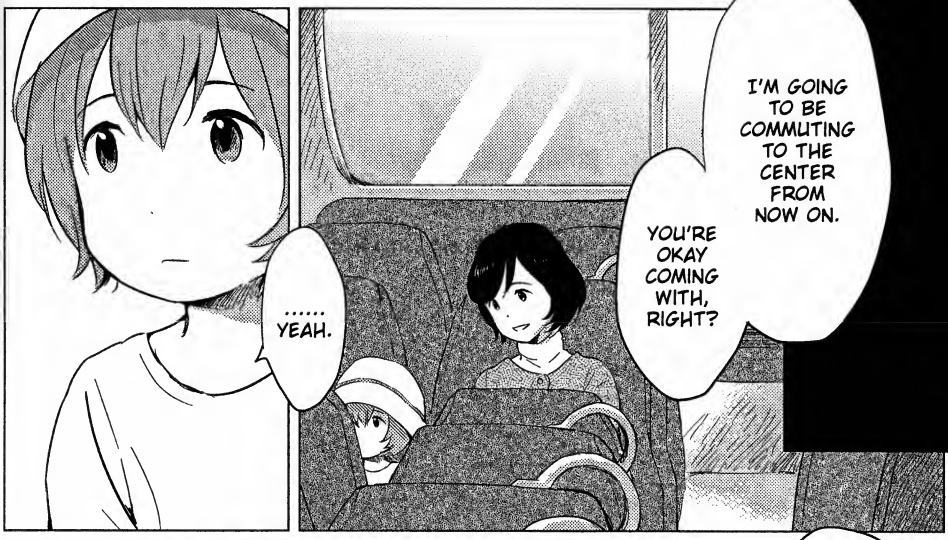
...HE'S SO QUIET.
YES.
HE'S OLD.....
MR. CHAIR-MAN?
EXCUSE ME.
OH, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
EXCUSE ME A MINUTE.

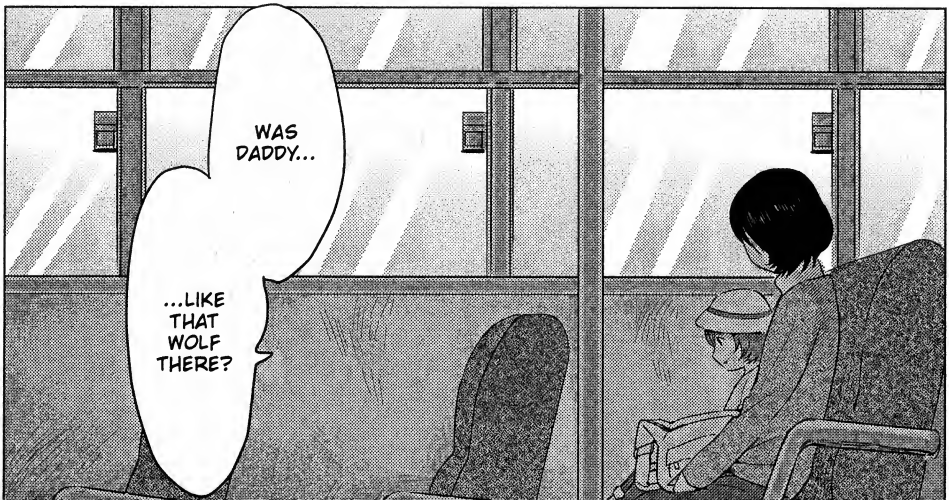
WE'RE HERE BECAUSE I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK YOU.
THIS BOY IS A WOLF CHILD.
HIS WOLF FATHER IS DEAD.
I'M HIS MOTHER, BUT...I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT RAISING WOLVES.
HOW DID YOU BECOME AN ADULT WOLF?

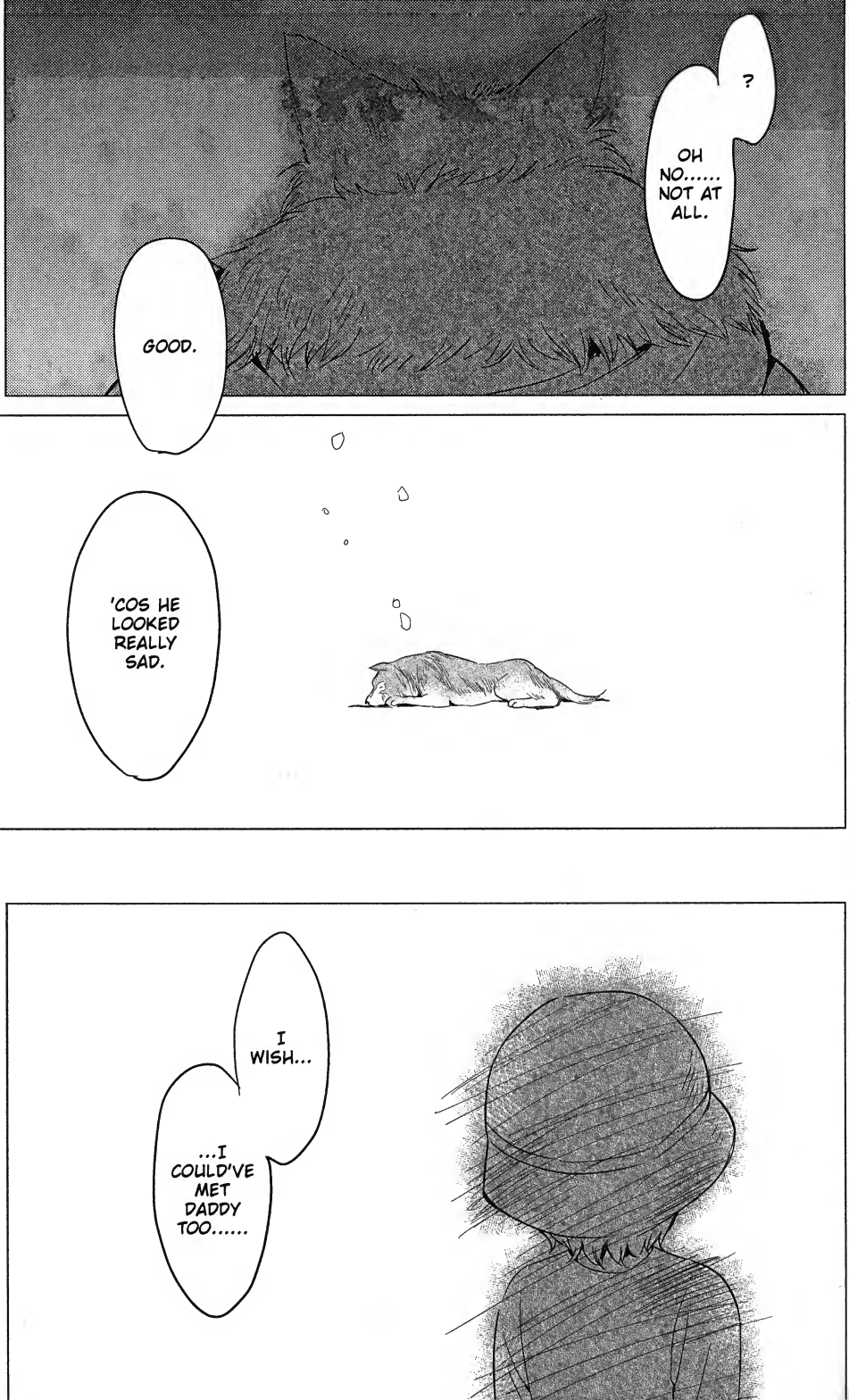

COULD YOU PLEASE TALK TO HIM...
...ABOUT GROWING UP IN THE FOREST?
.....
MOM.
THIS WOLF'S NOT LIKE THAT.
HUH?
AH, YES.
APPARENTLY, THE WOLF WAS BORN IN A MOSCOW ZOO.

AND THEN HE WAS BOUGHT BY SOMEONE RATHER WEALTHY.
BUT THEN HIS OWNER DIED, SO WE ENDED UP TAKING HIM IN.
.....SO HE'S NOT WILD.....
THAT'S RIGHT.
IT'S PRETTY RARE TO COME ACROSS A WILD WOLF IN A ZOO.


I'M GOING TO BE COMMUTING TO THE CENTER FROM NOW ON.
YOU'RE OKAY COMING WITH, RIGHT?
.....
YEAH.

I'M PRETTY SURE WE'LL BE ABLE TO LEARN...
...A LOT ABOUT THE MOUNTAINS AND ABOUT NATURE.


WAS DADDY...
...LIKE THAT WOLF THERE?


?
OH NO..... NOT AT ALL.
GOOD.
'COS HE LOOKED REALLY SAD.
I WISH...
...I COULD'VE MET DADDY TOO.....

.....I KNOW.

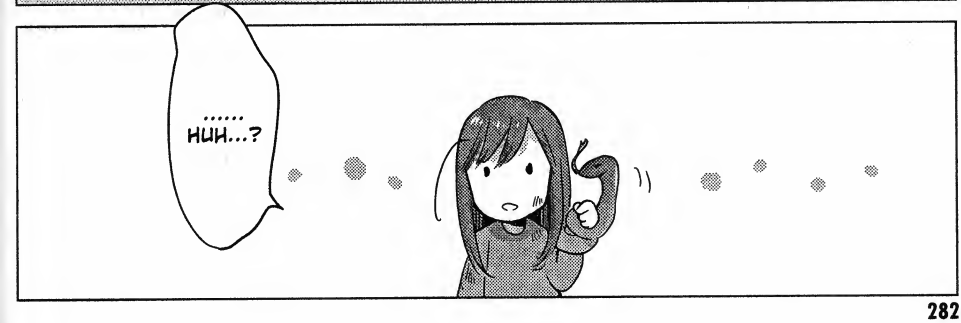
I WISH...
...I COULD SEE HIM AGAIN TOO.....

AND AROUND THIS TIME WHEN MOM FOUND THIS JOB...

...I WAS GETTING A PRETTY BIG SHOCK.
BUNKO-CHAN, THAT'S GREAT!
YOURS IS AWESOME, KENO-CHAN!
I FOUND A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER!
ME TOO!
YUKI-CHAAAAN!
DID YOU FIND SOMETHING?

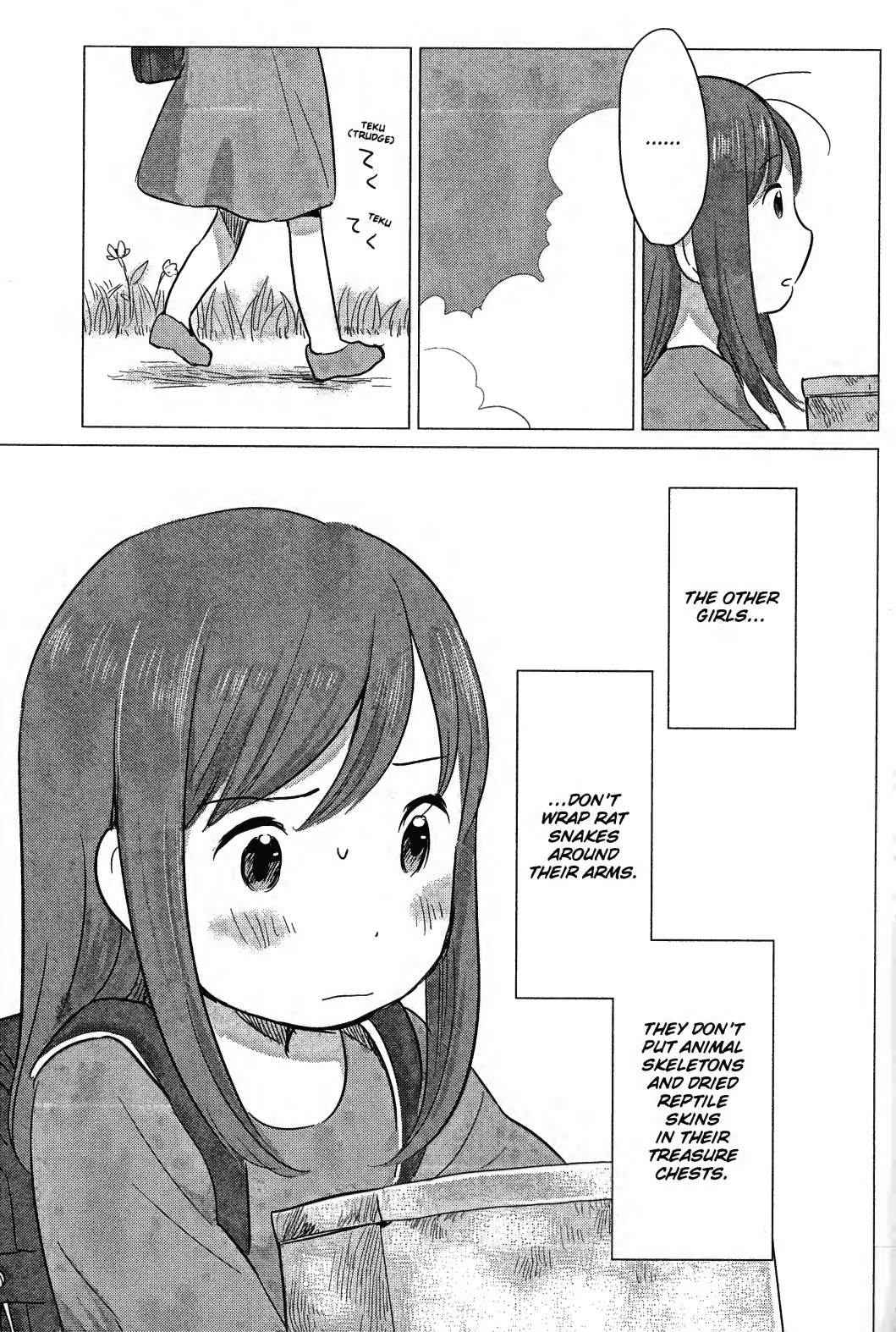
でろん
DERON (PUNCH)
I DID!!!

だだだだだだだだだだ
DA (DASH)
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
EEEEEEEEEK!!!


.....
HUH...?

LOOK! IT USED TO BE MY MOM'S!
IT'S SO PRETTY!
I GOT THIS FOR MY BIRTHDAY.
LUCKY!
IT'S SO CUTE!
YUKI-CHAN, DO YOU HAVE A TREASURE CHEST TOO?
YUP!
WOW! WHAT'S INSIDE?

パカッ
PAKA (POP)
CHECK IT OUT!!!
EEEEEEEEEK!!!
だだだだだだだだ
DA
DASH


TEKU (TRUDGE)
てく
TEKU
てく
.....
THE OTHER GIRLS...
...DON'T WRAP RAT SNAKES AROUND THEIR ARMS.
THEY DON'T PUT ANIMAL SKELETONS AND DRIED REPTILE SKINS IN THEIR TREASURE CHESTS.

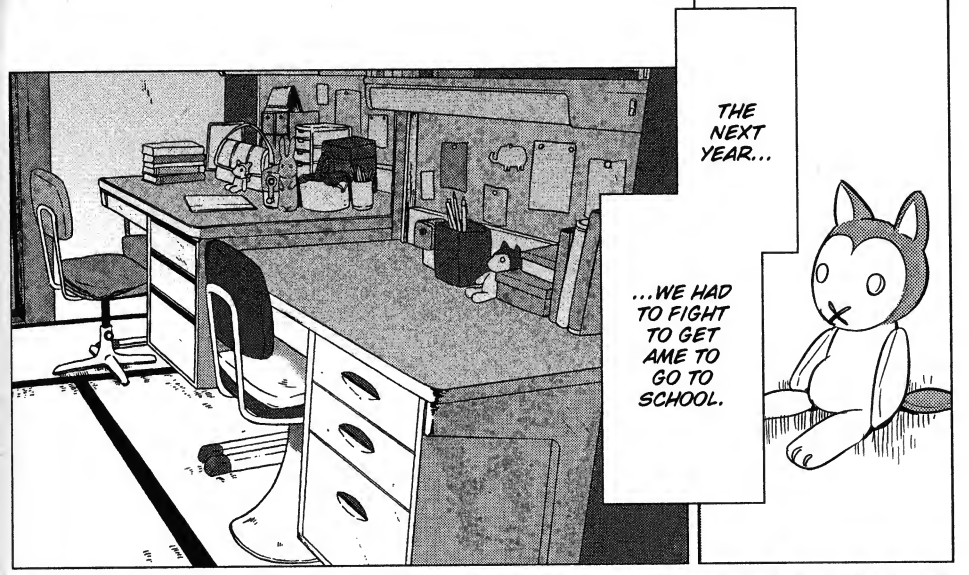
WHEN I REALIZED THIS...
...I WAS SO EMBARRASSED I COULD'VE CRAWLED INTO THE GROUND.
THAT'S WHY!
I'M GONNA BE GIRLIE FROM NOW ON!!!
どん!!
DON (BANG)

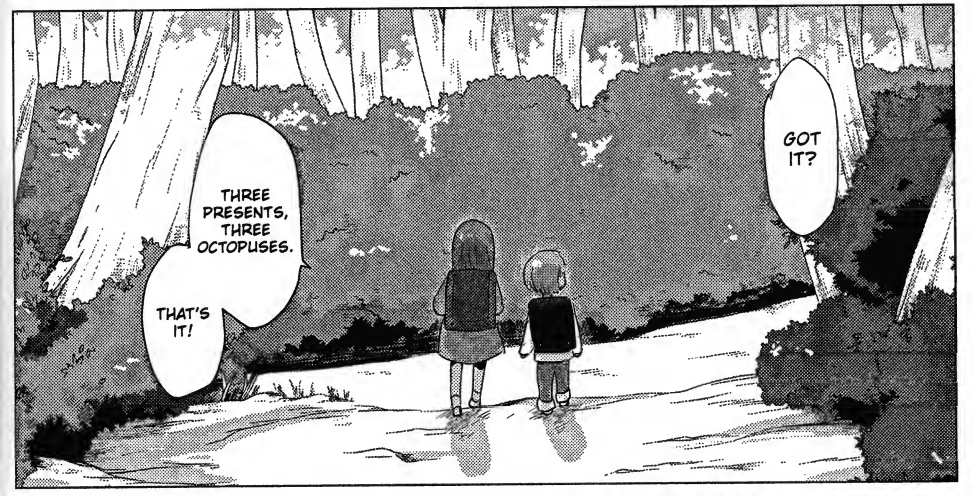
DON'T LAUGH! I MEAN IT!!!
AH HA HA HA HA
HA HA AH HA
HA
COME ON.
WHY CAN'T YOU JUST DO WHAT YOU WANT?
I HATE IT WHEN EVERYONE LOOKS AT ME FUNNY LIKE THAT!

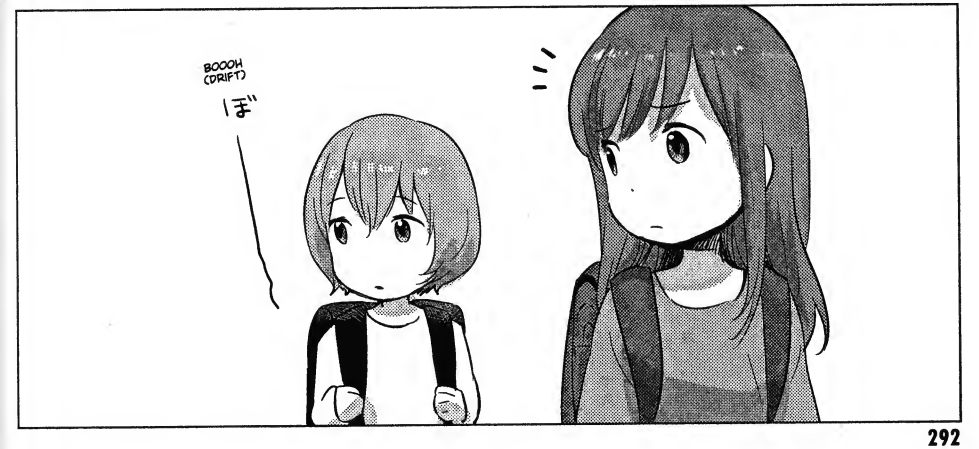
THAT'S THAT THEN.
HUH?
DA (TUK) DA DA DA DA .....
JUKI

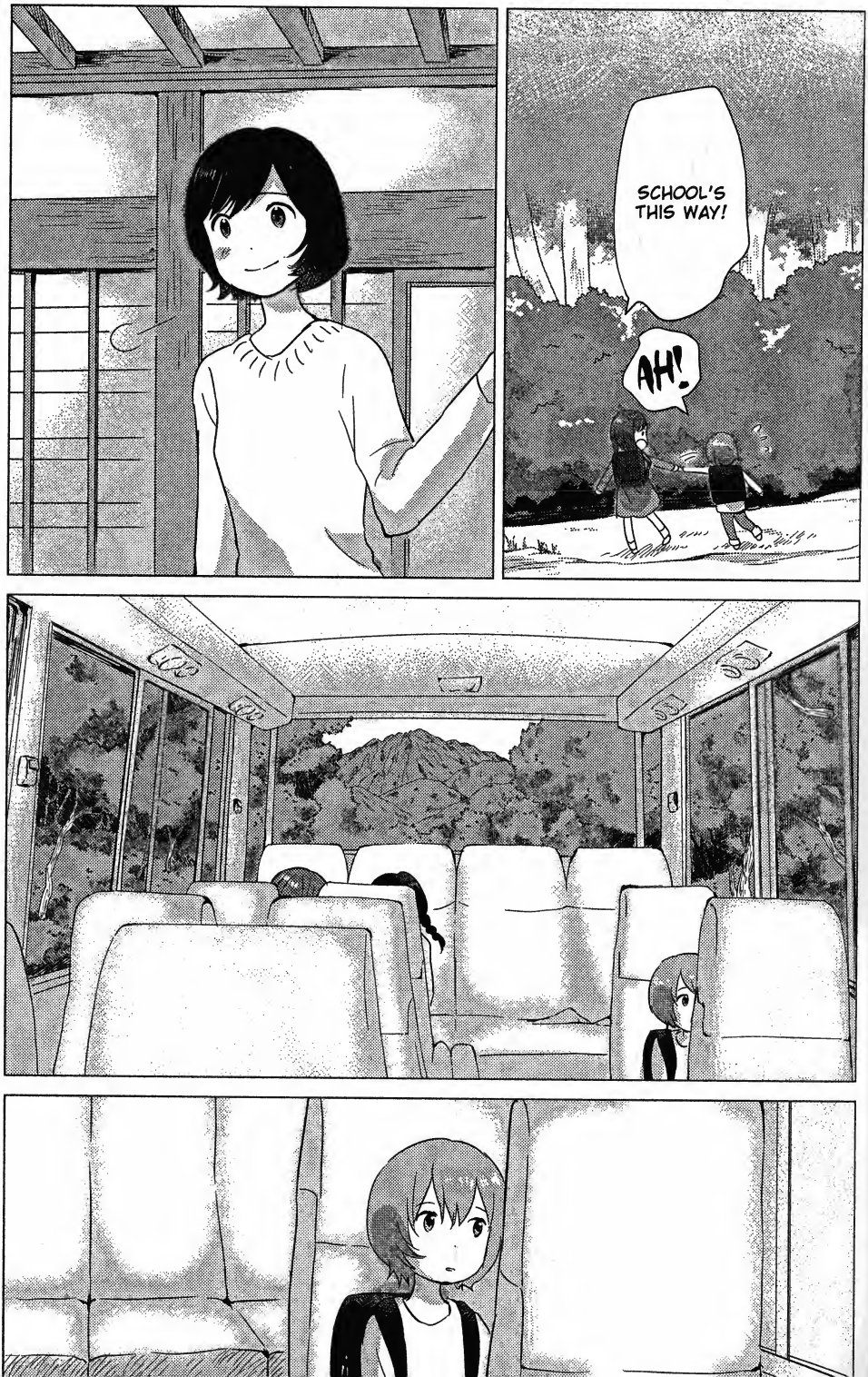
MOM MADE A NEW DRESS FOR ME.
.....A SNOW PATTERN!
I REMEMBER BEING SO HAPPY.
JUKI
JUKI

MORNING!
MORNING!
THANKS TO THAT DRESS, I DIDN'T FEEL SO CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF MY CLASS.
OH! YUKI-CHAN!
YOUR DRESS IS REALLY CUTE!
THAT DRESS HELPED ME MORE THAN I'LL EVER KNOW.
LUCKY!
SO CUTE!


THE NEXT YEAR...
...WE HAD TO FIGHT TO GET AME TO GO TO SCHOOL.


GOT IT?
THREE PRESENTS, THREE OCTOPUSES.
THAT'S IT!


BOOOH (DRIFT)
ほぎ


SCHOOL'S THIS WAY!
AH!

OKAY!
WHO CAN ANSWER THIS ONE?
SIGN: CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENROLLMENT, GRADE 1
I CAN!
ME!

MOMMY?
WHY DO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL?
.....AME...
...DON'T YOU LIKE SCHOOL?
.....
THE TEACHER AT SCHOOL...
...DOESN'T TEACH ME ABOUT THE MOUNTAINS OR ANYTHING.....

BOOKS: CREATURES OF THE MOUNTAINS AND THE RIVERS / FOREST—

ONCE HE GOT INTO SECOND GRADE, WHEN AME DID COME TO SCHOOL, HE WOULD JUST CAMP OUT IN THE LIBRARY.

SIGNS: ...YOURSELF...CHANGE, GRADE 3

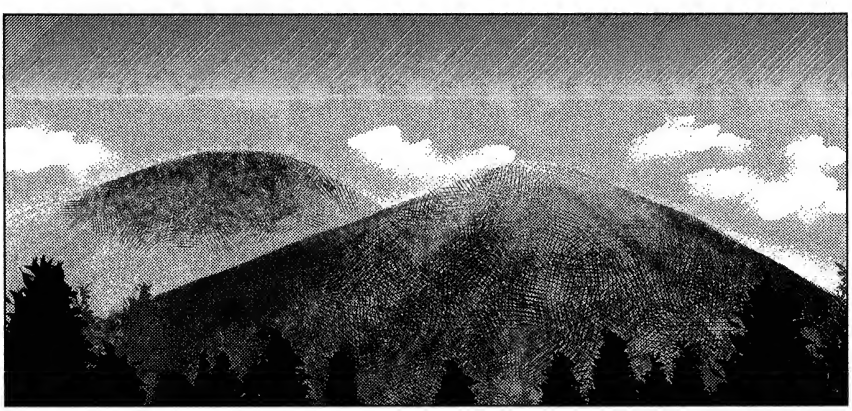
WHEN HE GOT TO THIRD GRADE...

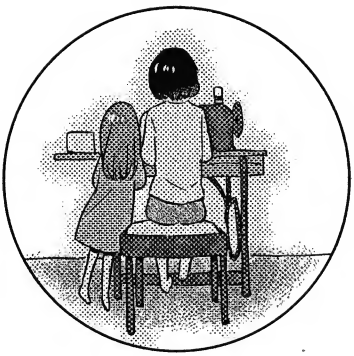
...HE ALMOST NEVER CAME TO SCHOOL.

GATAN
(RATTLE)
ガタン
GATA
(CLUNK)
ガタッ

OH! GOOD MORNING!
GOOD MORNING.
OH, AME-KUN TOO!
SCHOOL HOLIDAY TODAY?
NUH-UH.
HA HA HA!
SO YOU'RE SKIPPING THEN!

WELL, YOU'RE WELCOME HERE ANYTIME.
KUSHA (TOUSLE)
くしゃ
KUSHA
くしゃ





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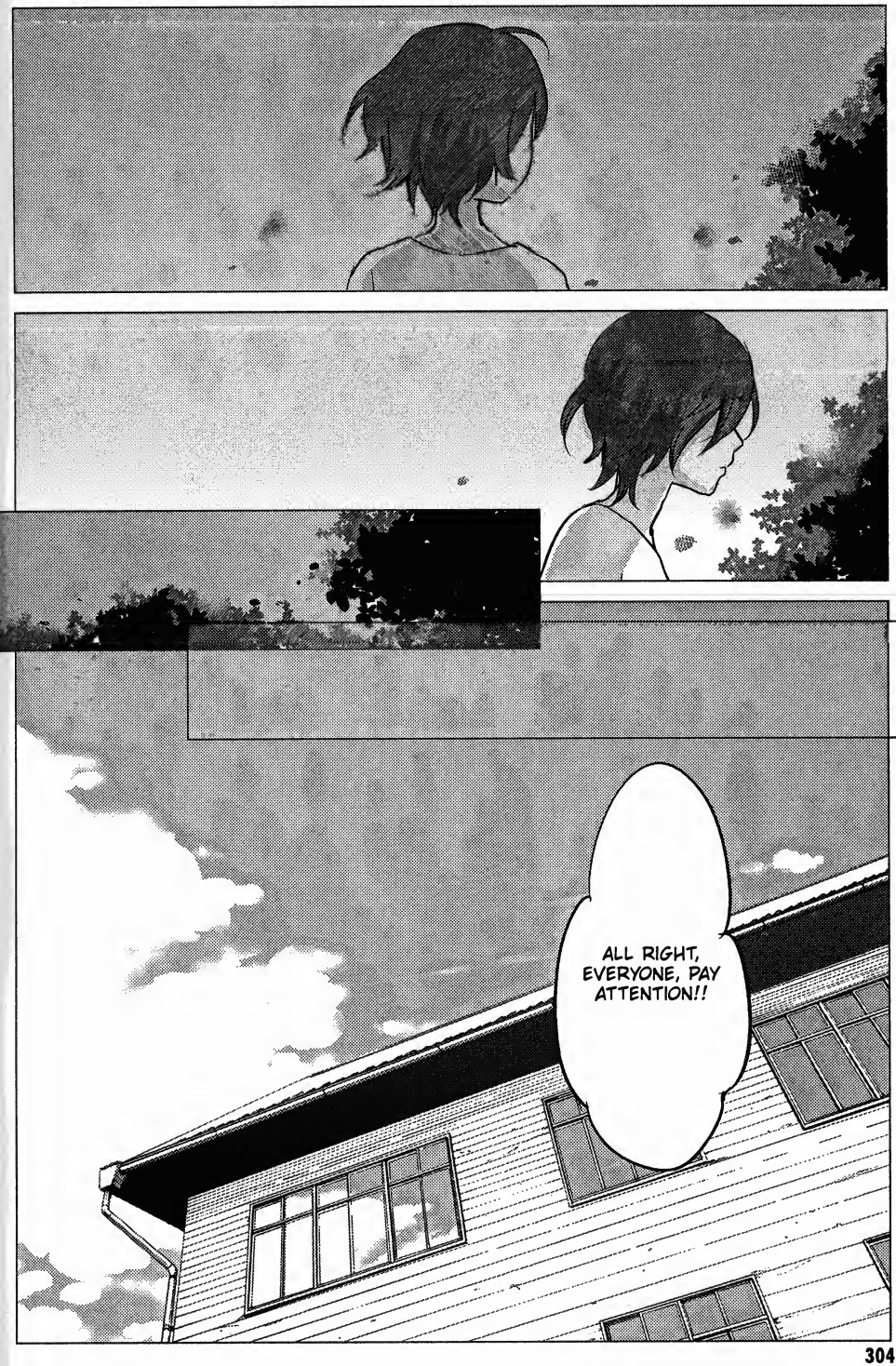
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE, PAY ATTENTION!!

WE HAVE A NEW STUDENT.
SIGNS: ON DUTY / SUN / MON / — DAY
THIS IS SOUHEI FUJII-KUN.
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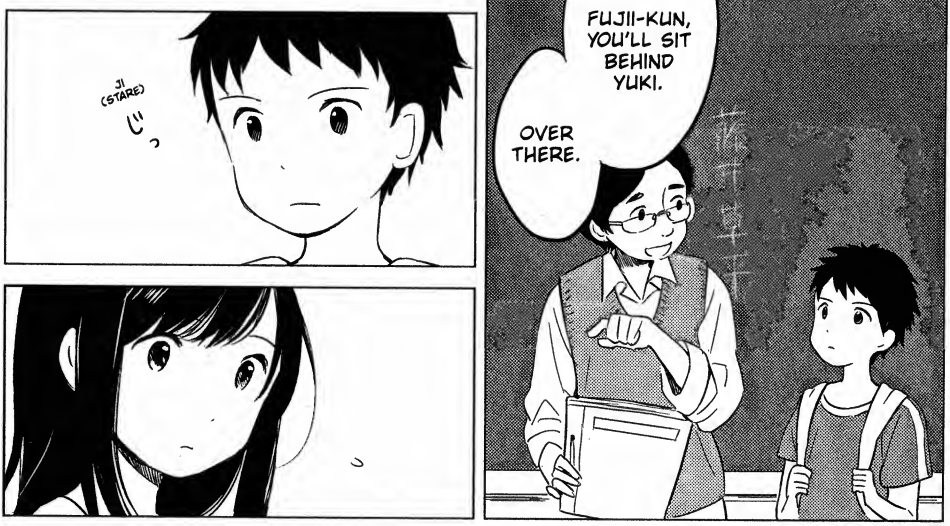
ようび

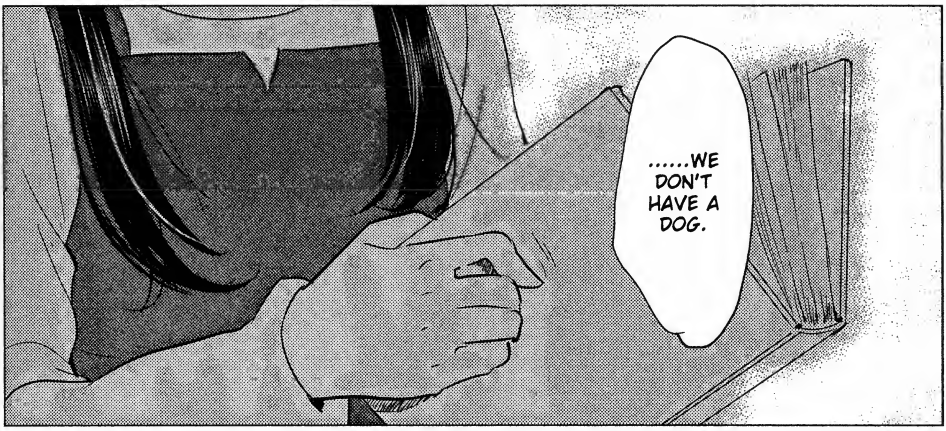
.....MY NAME'S FUJII.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
NICE TO MEET YOU!!
WOW!
HE'S A TRANSFER STUDENT!

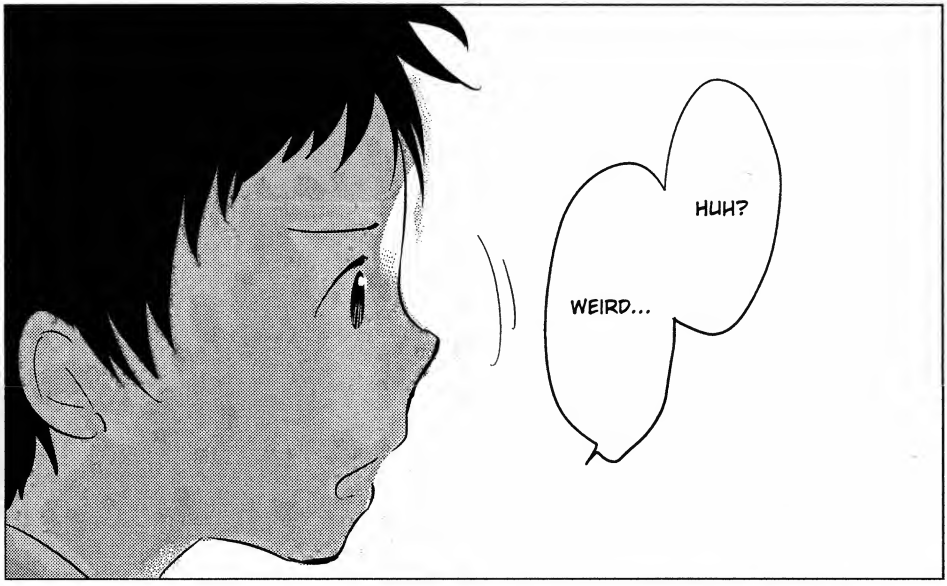


BOARD: SOUHEI FUJII

HEY.
YOU GOT A DOG OR SOME-THING?
...HUH?
WHY?

DUNNO.
YOU SMELL KINDA LIKE AN ANIMAL.
DOKUN (BADUM)


.....WE DON'T HAVE A DOG.


HUH?
WEIRD...

.....

WHAT'S WEIRD?
OH.
NAH, IT'S JUST THIS SMELL...
.....GUESS IT'S IN MY HEAD.....
JAAAAA (SPLSSH)

くん
KUN
(SNIFF)
.....

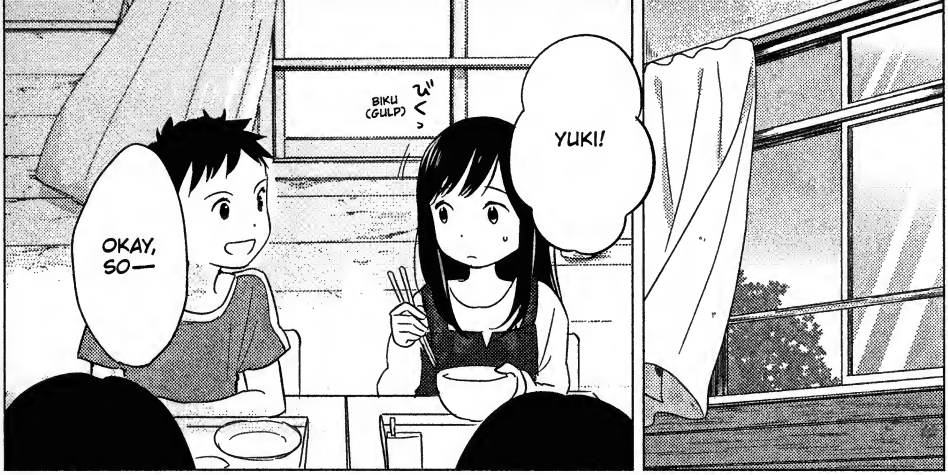
MAAAAAYBE THIS ONE?
THIS ONE!
AUGH!
BA CYANK
ばっ
SERI-OUSLY?
AH HA HA HA HA!
WHAT'S HE DOING?
AH HA HA!
SHUFFLE 'EM!!
AH HA HA!
THERE'S ONLY TWO, THOUGH!

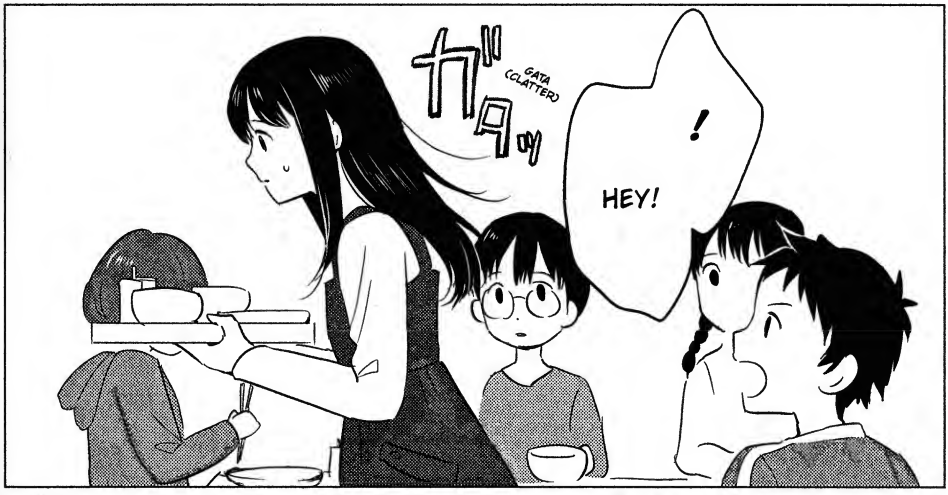
YUKI-CHAN!
BIKU (GULP)
びく

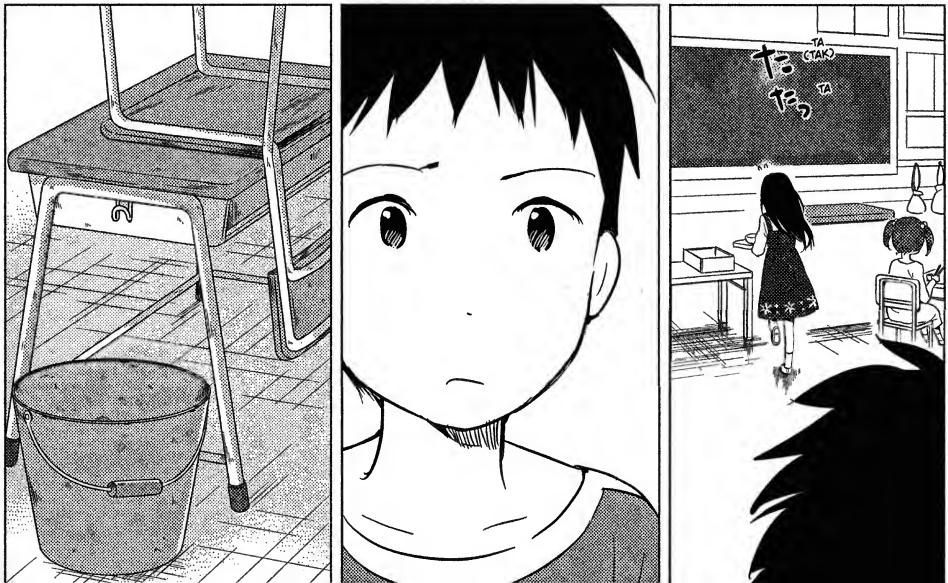
OH.....
UM.

YUKI-CHAN, COME ON!
SOUHEI-KUN'S REALLY FUNNY!

BATA (KLAK)
BATA
BATA
ばたばたばた…
I HAVE TO TAKE THIS BOOK BACK!
SEE YOU LATER!
…WHAT'S WITH HER?
?
SHE'S NOT USUALLY LIKE THAT…


YUKI!
BIKU (GULP)
びくっ
OKAY, SO—


ガタッ
GATA (CLATTER)
!
HEY!


TA (TAK)
TA

BIKU
YUKI!
I SAID, YUKI!
!
GUI (GRAB)

I CAN CARRY IT.
BA (YANK)
ばっ
IT'S FINE!!
ぴしゃっ
PISHA (SPLISH)
!

TA (TAK)
タンッ
タ TA
タ TA
タ TA
タ TA
YUKI!!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

SHINO SAID WE SHOULD PLAY CARDS ONCE WE'RE DONE CLEANING...
NO THANKS.
DID I DO SOMETHING?
I DID, DIDN'T I?
YOU DIDN'T.
.....YOU DIDN'T DO ANY-THING.

THEN WHY DO YOU KEEP RUNNING AWAY!?
I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY!
TA (TAK)
BOSO (WHISPER)
THREE PRESENTS.
BOSO
THREE OCTO-PUSES.

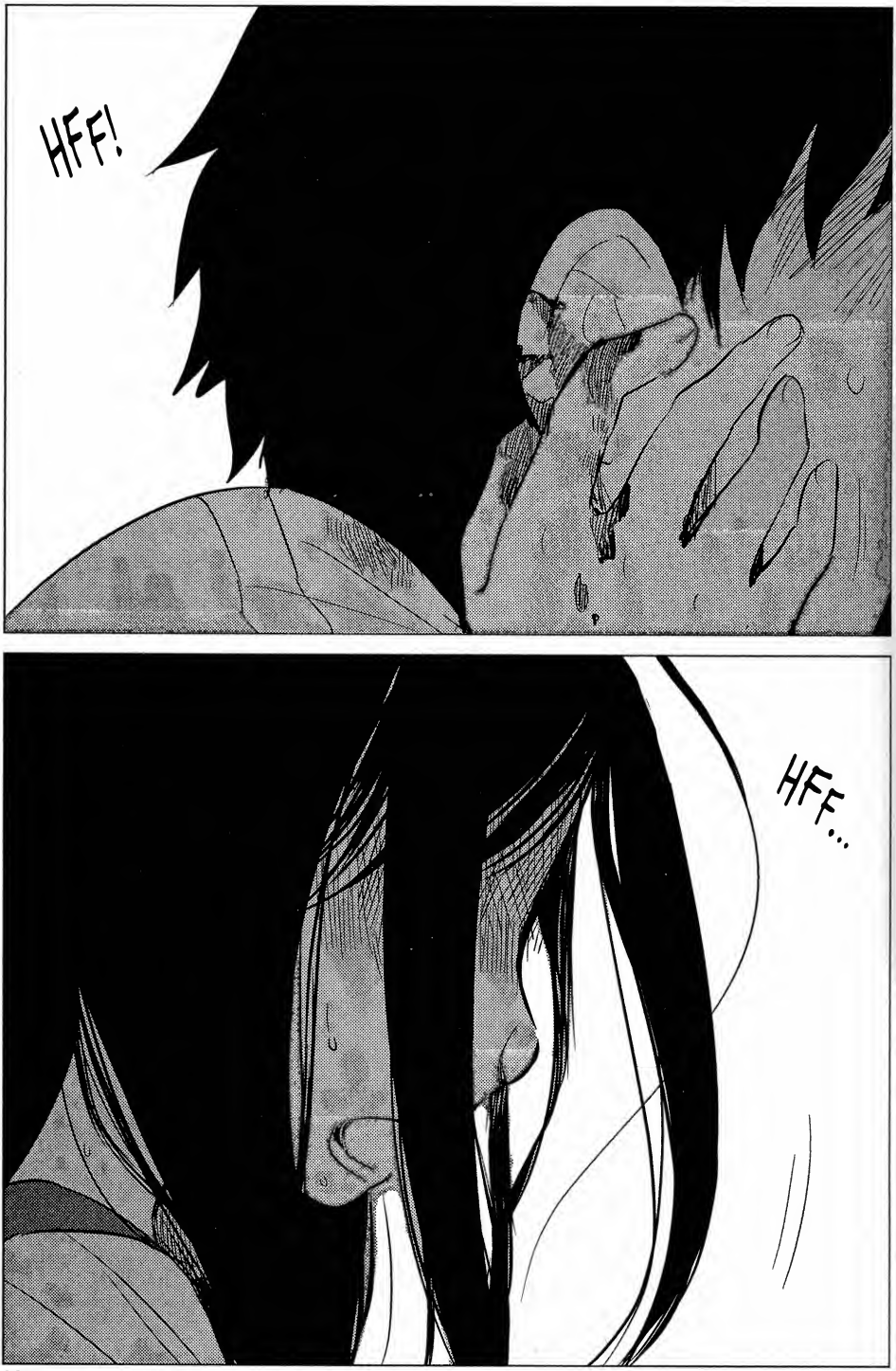
HFF!
THREE PRESENTS.
THREE OCTO-PUSES.
HFF!
WAIT UP!
"IT'S A SPELL TO KEEP YOU FROM TURNING INTO A WOLF."
I SAID, WAIT UP!
THREE PRESENTS.
THREE OCTO-PUSES.

GARA (CLATTER)
THREE PRES-ENTS.
THREE OCTO-PUSES.
YUKI!!
GO AWAY!!

STAY AWAY FROM ME!!
WHY...!?
YOU DON'T LIKE ME 'COS I'M A TRANSFER STUDENT OR SOME-THING!?
THAT'S NOT IT!!

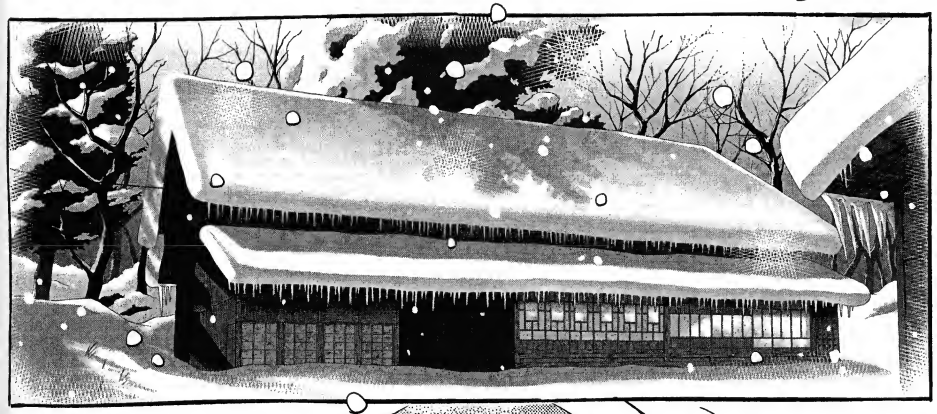
DON'T TOUCH ME!!
ROKLIN (BADUM)

.....!!
DOZA (THUD)
OW .....!


HFF!
HFF...

HFF!
HFF!
HFF...
HFF!

WOLF
CHILDREN
AME & YUKI



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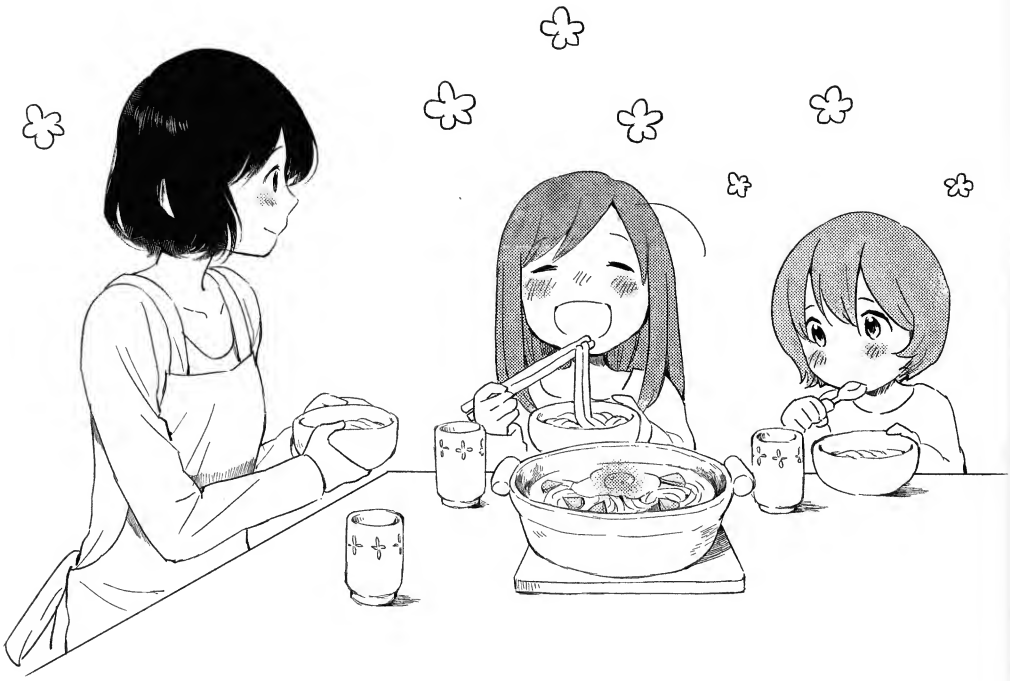
WOLF CHILDREN
Yuki & THE COLD



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AND YOU.

THANK YOU SO MUCH. I HOPE
WE MEET AGAIN IN VOLUME 3!

優
YU

Words from the Artist
Volume 2

Hi there. Yu here. This is the second volume. Ame and Yuki are really growing up. I've been drawing them sort of half-happy, half-sad at this fact.

—Yu

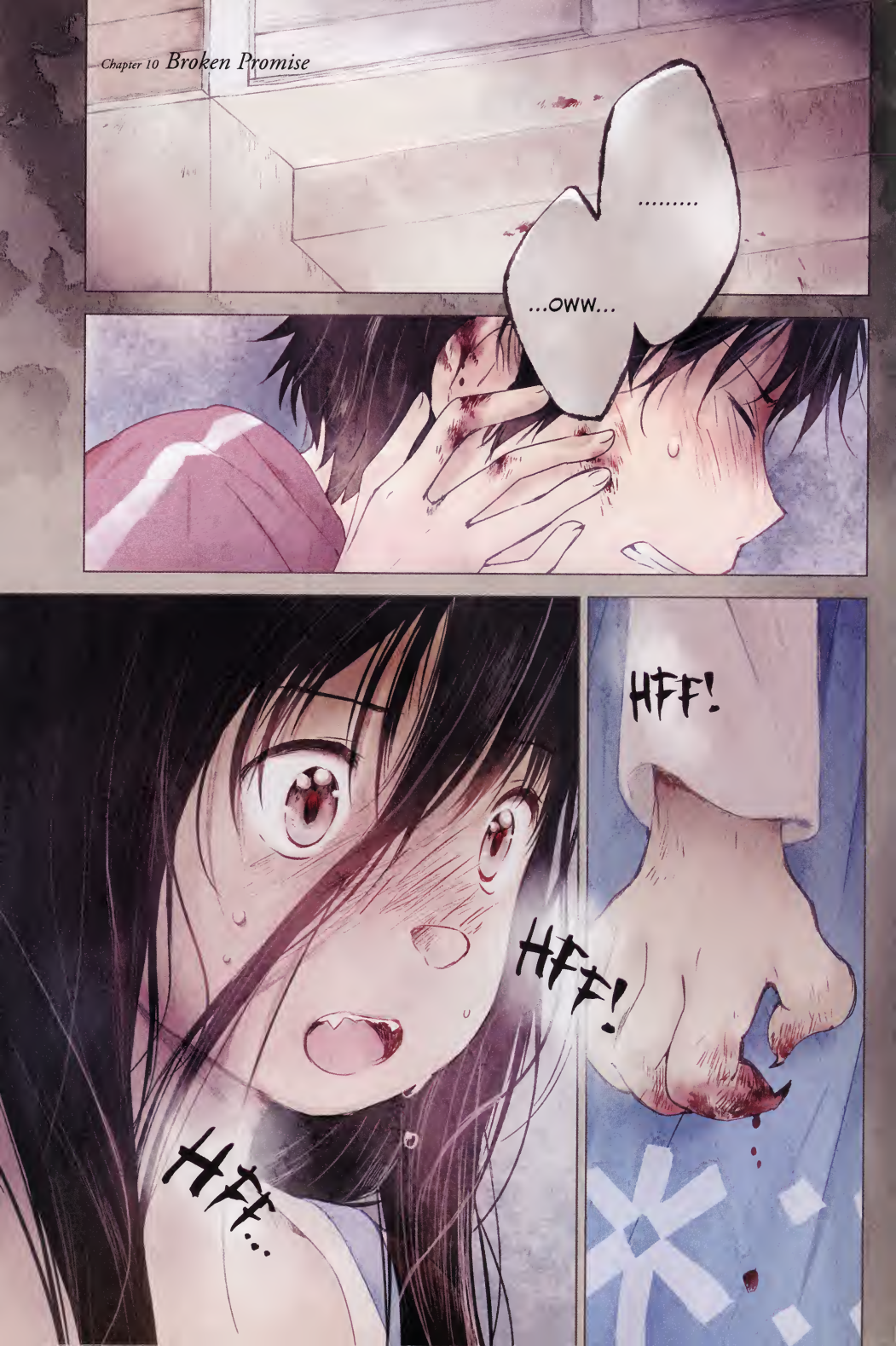
Words from the Artist

Volume 3

This is the final volume. Since this was my first serialization, I was often a little lost, and there were tons of difficult things and happy moments. I've been really content while doing this manga. I hope that Wolf Children Ame & Yuki *ends up being one of those works loved through the ages.*

—Yu

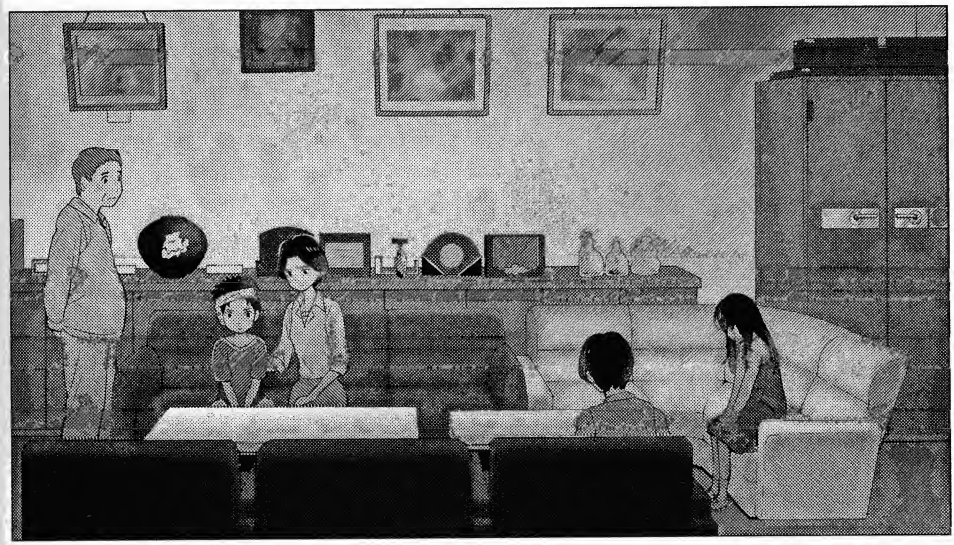
WOLF
CHILDREN
AME & YUKI

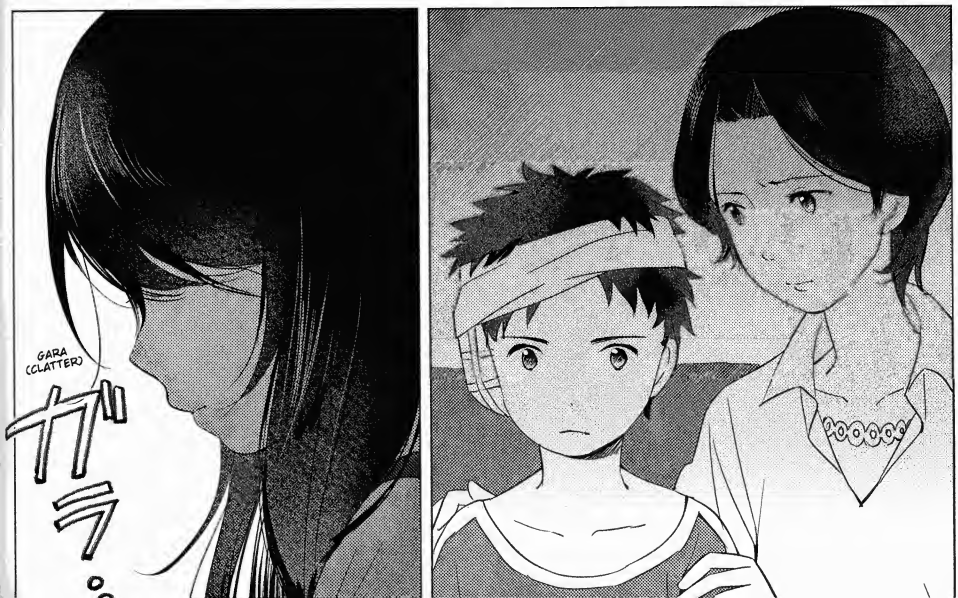

.....
...OWW...
HFF!
HFF!
HFF...

Chapter 10 Broken Promise

WOLF
CHILDREN
AME & YUKI

HANA-CHAAAN! PHONE!
COMING!
...WHAT?
YUKI DID ...?




GARA
(CLATTER)
ガラ。

YUKI.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH HIS HEAD WAS BLEEDING?
KI (GLARE)
...IT WAS MY EAR.

YUKI.
DID YOU REALLY HURT HIM?

DID YOU APOLOGIZE?

APOLOGIZE RIGHT NOW.
.....

...I'M SORRY.
I AM REALLY SO SORRY.
YOU CAN'T HONESTLY THINK ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS APOLOGIZE AND EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE!?
WHAT WILL YOU DO IF HE ENDS UP NOT BEING ABLE TO HEAR IN THAT EAR!?
EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO GO INTO DEBT OR SELL YOUR HOUSE...
...YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY FOR IT!!
—A WOLF.

A WOLF DID IT.
!!

...SOUHEI?

SOUHEI...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SOUHEI?
SOUHEI!?

SOUHEI-KUN'S STILL NOT BACK, HUH...?
I HEARD HIS HEAD'S ALL BANDAGED UP.
NO WAY... FOR REAL?
HIS MOM WAS HERE TOO.
TEACHER! WHY ISN'T SOUHEI-KUN BACK YET?
WELL...
...HE'S HURT, SO HE WENT HOME EARLY.

HOW'D HE GET HURT?
DID SOMEONE HURT HIM?
GATAN (SLAM)

YUKI-CHAN!!
DA (DASH)
ZAWA (CHATTER)
SO SOMETHING DID HAPPEN...
WAS SHE CRYING?
ZAWA
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?

HFF!
HFF!
.....YUKI.....
IT DIDN'T WORK.....
THE SPELL.
I TRIED SO MANY TIMES.

NOW..... MAYBE THEY'LL CHASE ME OUT OF SCHOOL?
AND THE HOUSE... WE WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE THERE ANYMORE?
—I'M SORRY.....
GYU (CLENCH)

I'M SORRY .....!!
MOM!
I'M SORRY!!!

YUKI.....
IT'S OKAY. DON'T CRY.
WAAAH!
IT'LL BE OKAY.
IT'S OKAY.
IT'S OKAY...

SOUHEI-KUN?
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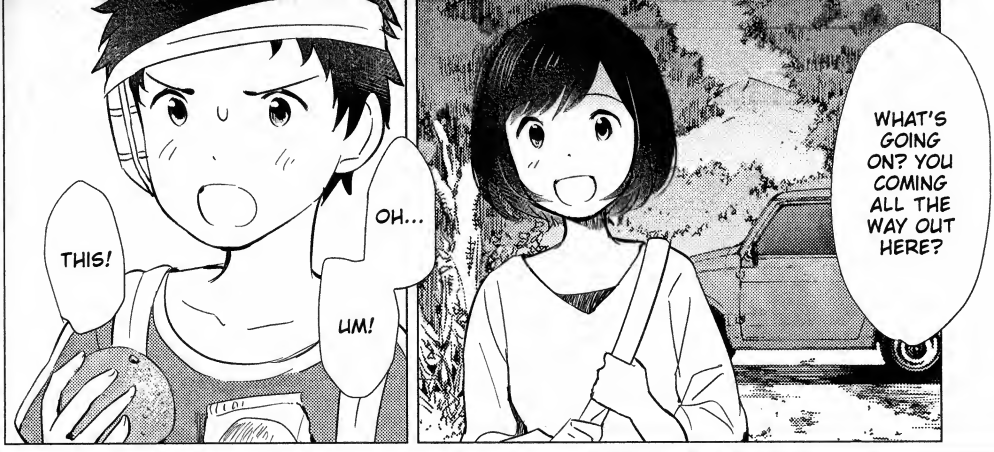
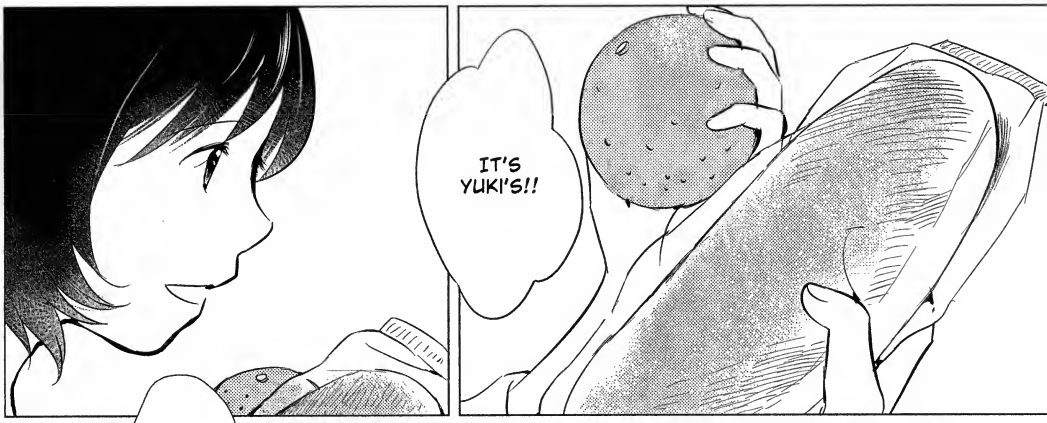
BIKU (JUMP)


WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU COMING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?
OH...
UM!
THIS!


IT'S YUKI'S!!

—HE SAID.

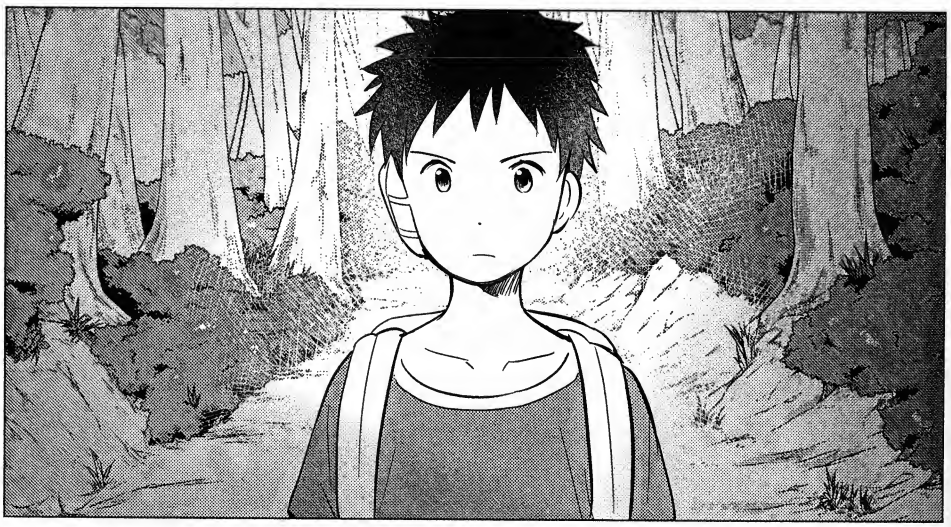
THANKS FOR COMING EVERY DAY.
...I JUST HATE IT THAT YUKI'S NOT COMING TO SCHOOL.
...TELL ME.
WHAT DID YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAID "WOLF" THAT DAY?

...THAT WAS...
MAYBE YOU WON'T BELIEVE ME, BUT...
...BACK THERE, I SAW A WOLF FOR A MINUTE.
AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS HURT.
SO THE ONE THAT DID IT WAS A WOLF, SO...
I MEAN, IT WASN'T YUKI'S FAULT.

...IS THAT RIGHT?
DO YOU... HATE WOLVES?
NOT PARTICULARLY.
HMM!

ME TOO.
PERA (FLIP)
学校
COME TO SCHOOL!
こいよ
SOUHEI
草平

I'M GOING NOW.



...HEY.
YOU WANNA SEE?

びり
BIRI (FLINCH)
!!

D—
DOES IT HURT?
IT'S ITCHY.

SEE?
COOL, HUH?

LET'S GO TO SCHOOL!

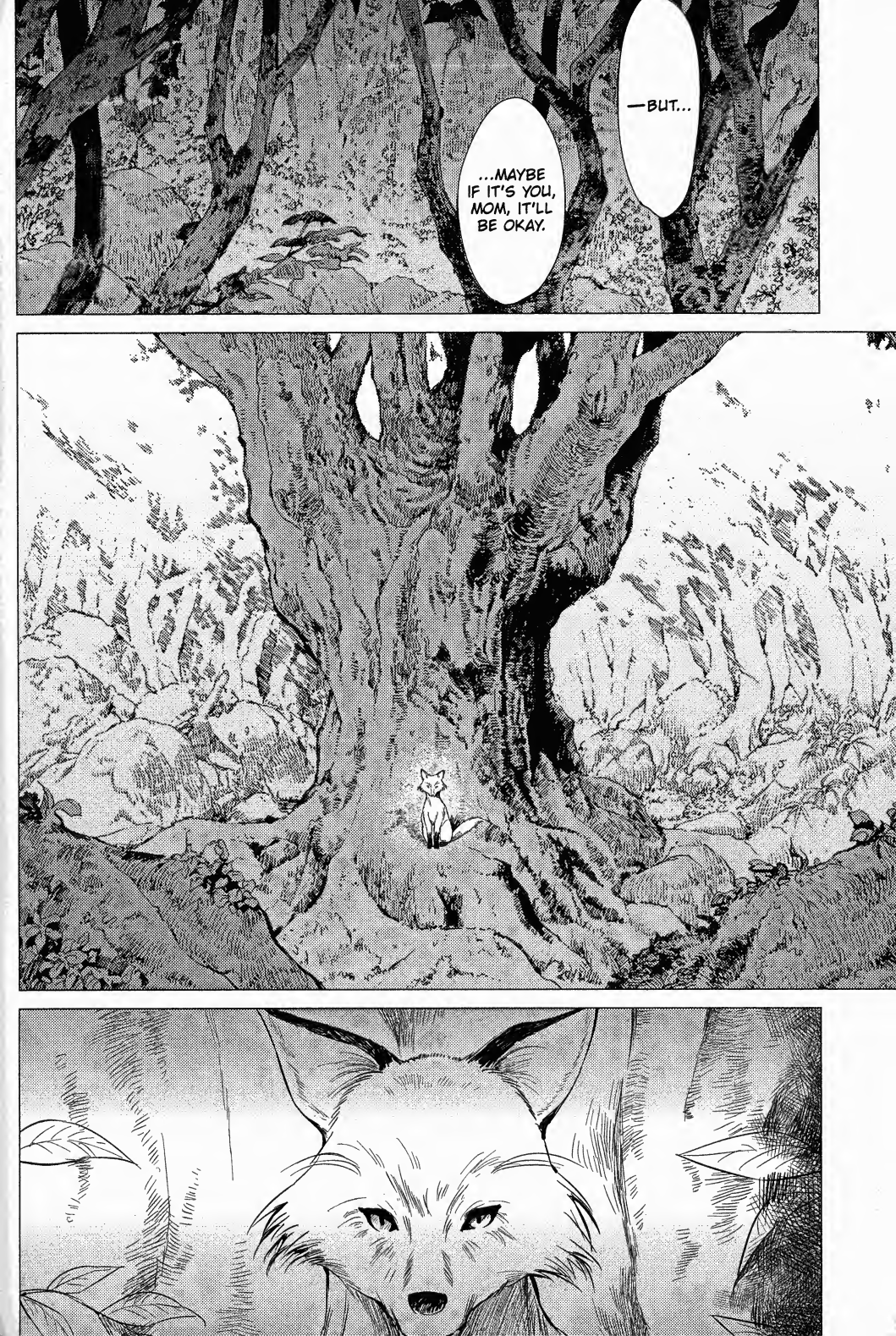
.....A—
AME!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO MY TEACHER'S.
YOUR TEACHER'S ...
WHICH TEACHER?
MY TEACHER ...
...MY ONLY TEACHER.

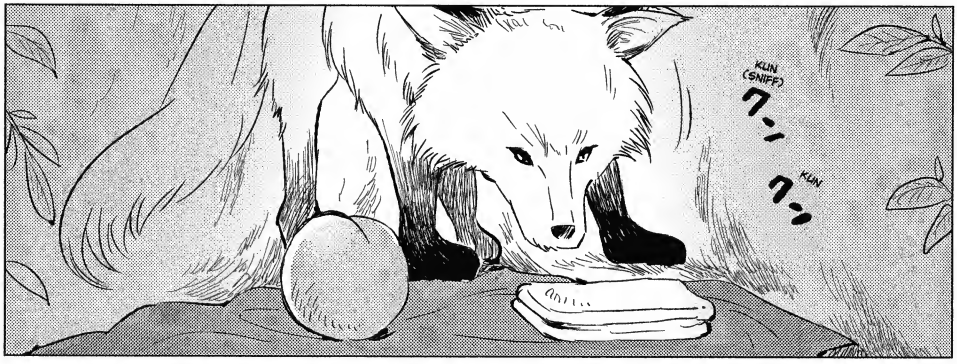
ザァ
ZAA
(RUSTLE)

AND AME-CHAN?
HE GOES AND DOESN'T GO...I GUESS.
GOOD-NESS!
YUKI-CHAN STARTED GOING TO SCHOOL AGAIN!
Chapter 11 Teacher
IT'S FINE.
A FELLOW WHO STOPS GOIN' TO SCHOOL IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S GOT GOOD PROSPECTS.
EDISON, ME, WE DID THE SAME.
WOULD YOU STOP TALKING NONSENSE!!?

MY TEACHER?
HE KNOWS EVERYTHING.
WHEN IT COMES TO THE MOUNTAIN, HE KNOWS IT ALL.
LOOK AT YOU, GETTING CLOSE TO SOMEONE OLDER THAN YOU, AME...
BRING HIM BY THE HOUSE SOMETIME.
HE WON'T SEE PEOPLE.
!
HE DOESN'T COME DOWN TO THE FIELDS LIKE THE BOARS OR THE BEARS.


—BUT...
...MAYBE IF IT'S YOU, MOM, IT'LL BE OKAY.

MY TEACHER.
HE'S THE MASTER OF ALL THE MOUNTAINS AROUND HERE.
OH!
THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR AME...


KUN (SNIFF)
クン
KUN
クン

GA (CHOMP)
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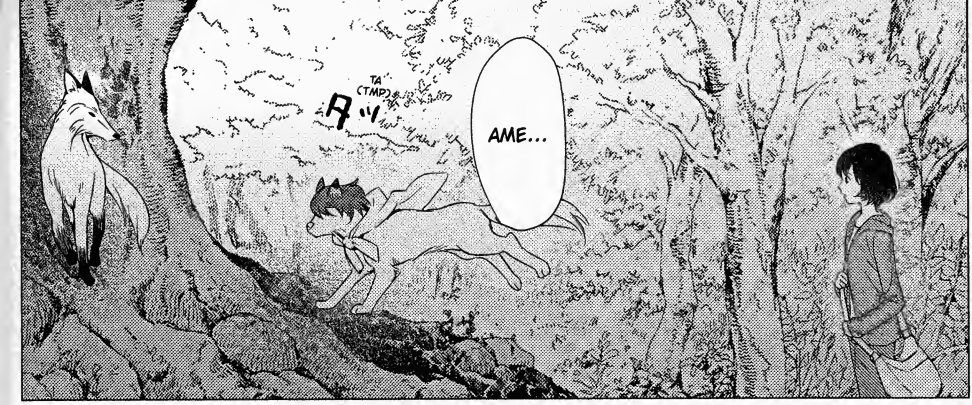
TA (TMP)
AME...

ZA (KSH)
ZA

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HFF
HFF
HFF

HFF
HFF
スッ
SUI (SSP)
ピタッ
PITA (JOLT)
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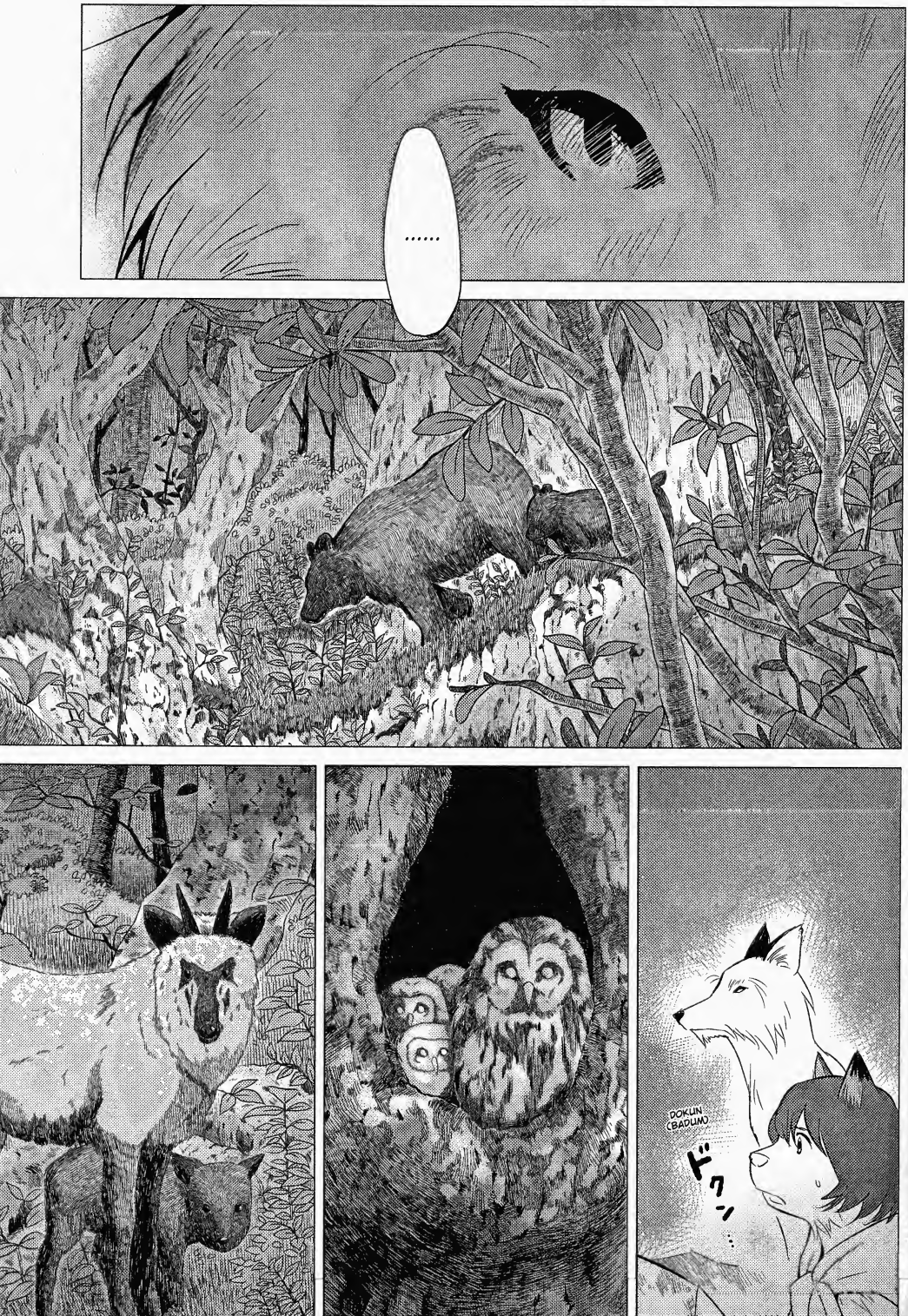
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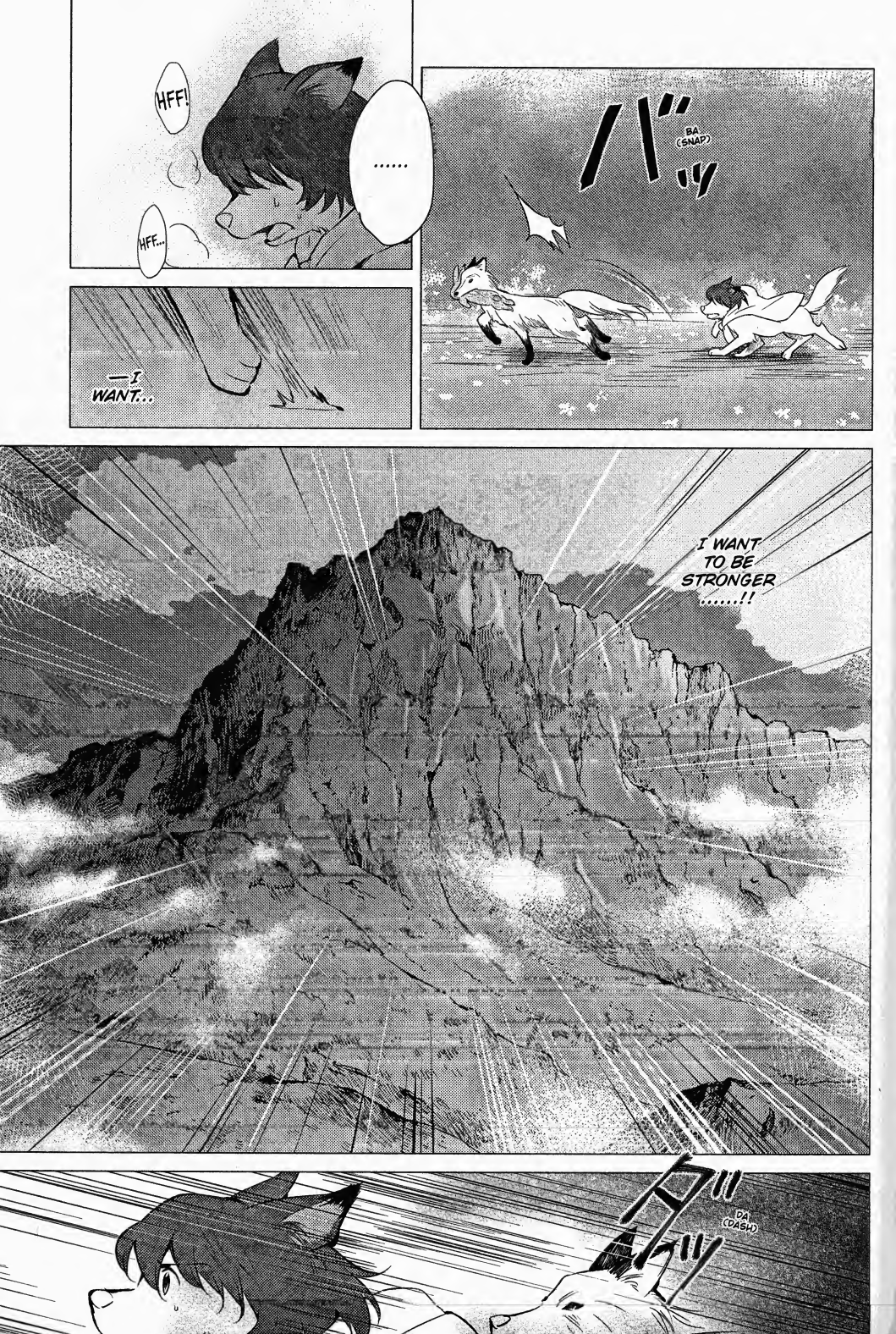
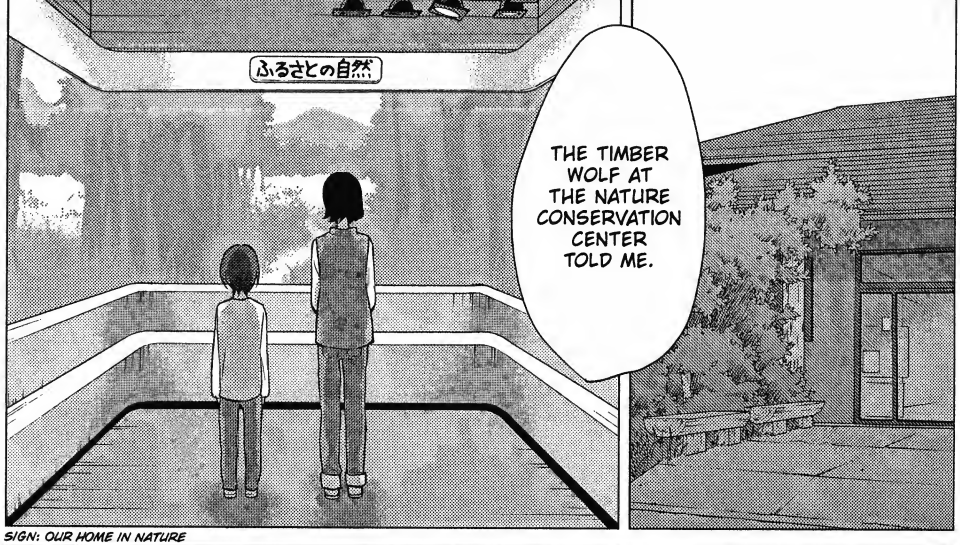
DOKUN
(BADUM)
ドクン…

BATA (SHAKE)
ばた
BATA
ばたっ
HFF!
HFF!
.....
GA (YANK)
GUGU (TUG)
.....

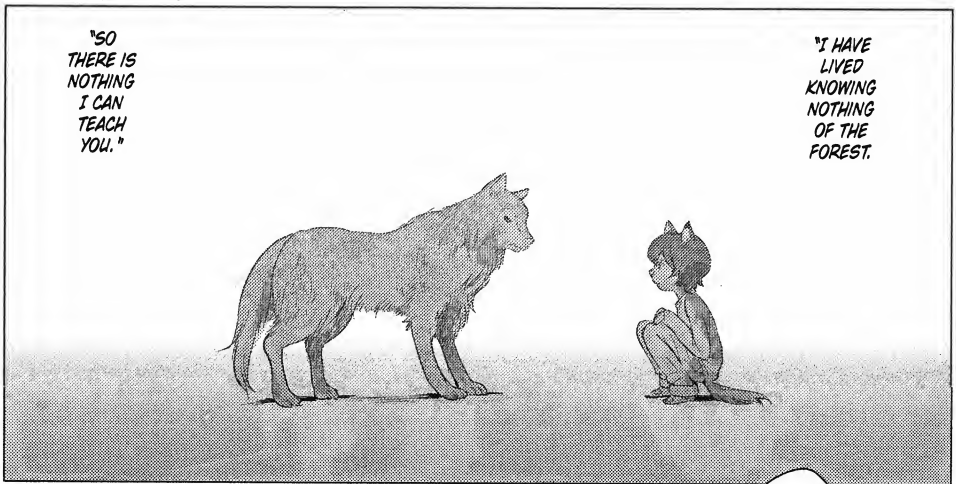

HFF!
.....
HFF...
—I WANT...
BA (SNAP)
I WANT TO BE STRONGER .....!!
DA (DASH)

GOH
(BAM)

ZAA
(FSSH)



SIGN: OUR HOME IN NATURE



I...
I HAD NO IDEA THE MOUNTAINS WERE THIS MUCH FUN.
I WANT TO LEARN MORE AND MORE.
THE MORE I KNOW, THE MORE I SEE A BRAND-NEW WORLD.

YOU SHOULD GET MY TEACHER TO TEACH YOU TOO, YUKI.
HOW TO HUNT.
YOU'LL GET REALLY GOOD.
AND HE KNOWS THIS TRICK TO RUN THROUGH THE FOREST AT FULL SPEED.
KINDA LIKE HE CAN READ THE GROUND.
YOU'LL LEARN A LOT.
AND—

NO WAY AM I GONNA GO SEE HIM.
WHY NOT?
HOW TO FIND THE STREAMS, STUFF ABOUT THE WEATHER, TERRITORY...
HE KNOWS STUFF YOU DON—
I DON'T NEED TO KNOW THAT STUFF!!
GATA (CLATTER)
.....

I...
I'VE DECIDED TO NEVER TURN INTO A WOLF AGAIN.
GYU (CLENCH)
WHY?
'COS I'M A HUMAN BEING!

YOU'RE A WOLF.
I'M HUMAN.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A WOLF.
.....!!

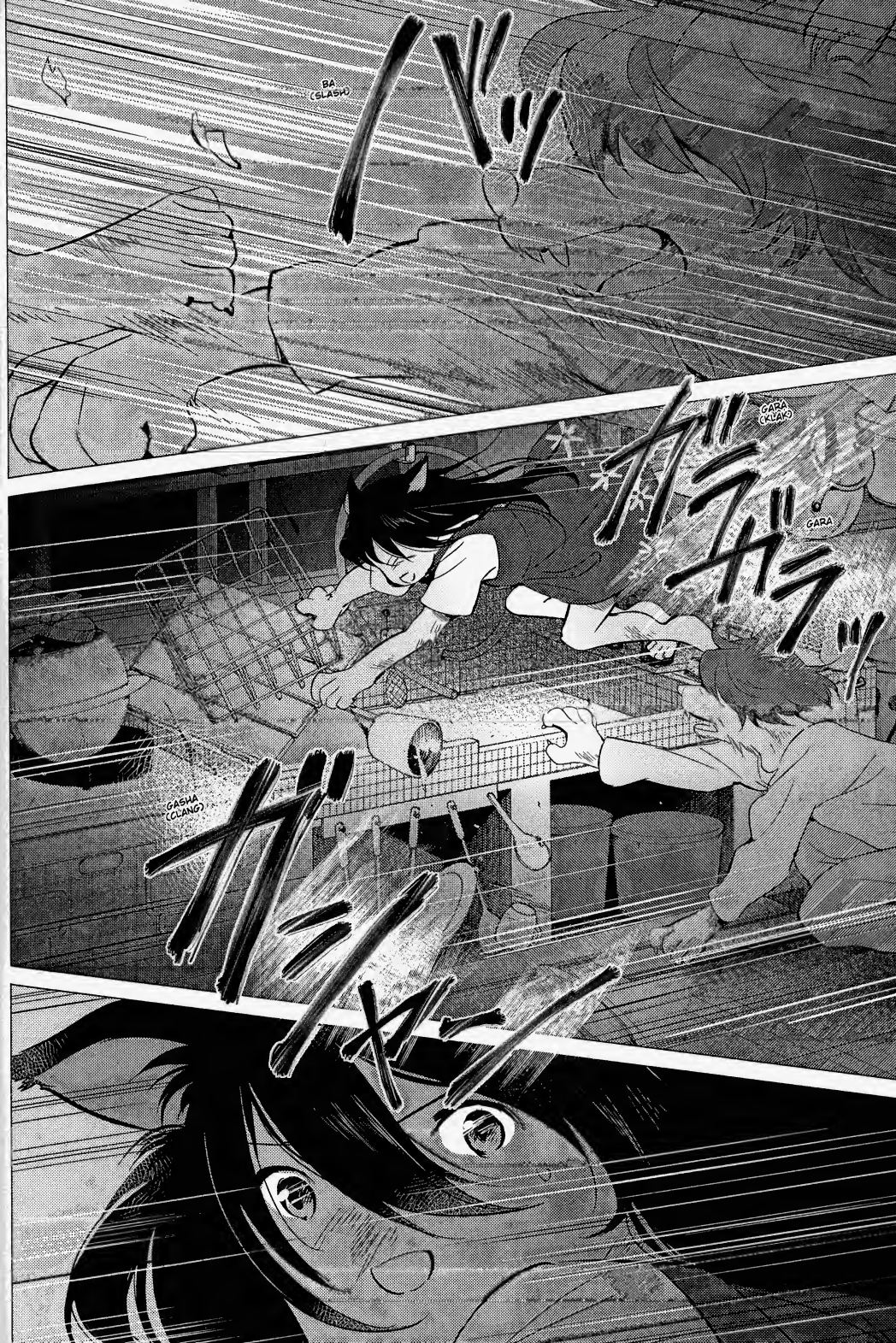
SHUT UP!!
PAN (SLAP)
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!!!
SO WHAT IF I DON'T!!?
AND YOU!
GO TO SCHOOL ALREADY!!

.....I DON'T WANT TO.
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU IF YOU DON'T!!
I DON'T WANT TO!!!
GATAAN (BANG)

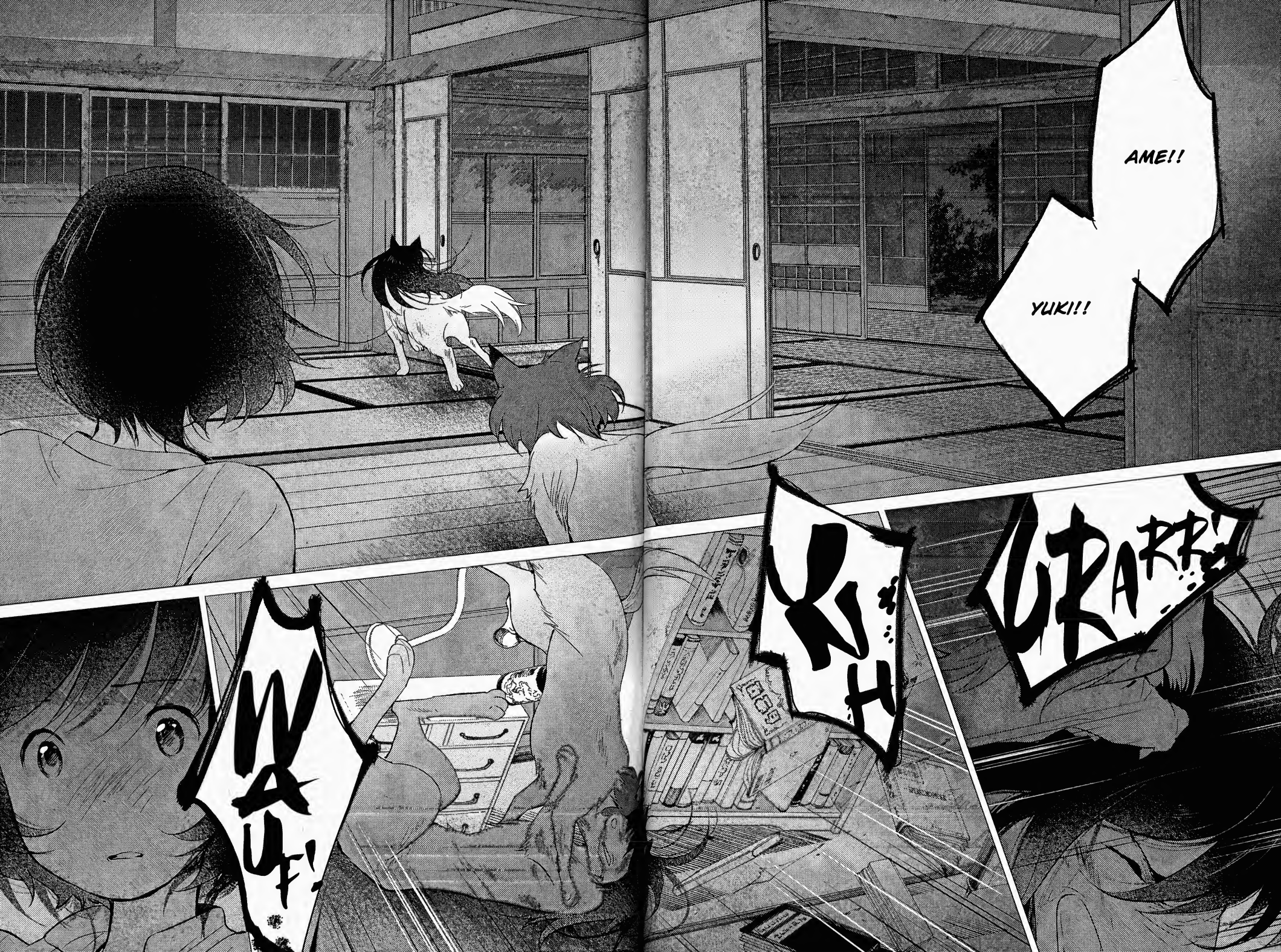
GATA
(CLATTER)
ガタッ
HFF...
HFF!
GURURU
(GROWL)
グルル...

...YOU WANT TO DO THIS?

Chapter 12 *Fangs and Words*


GA (SLASH)
GARA (CLAK)
GARA
GASHA (CLANG)

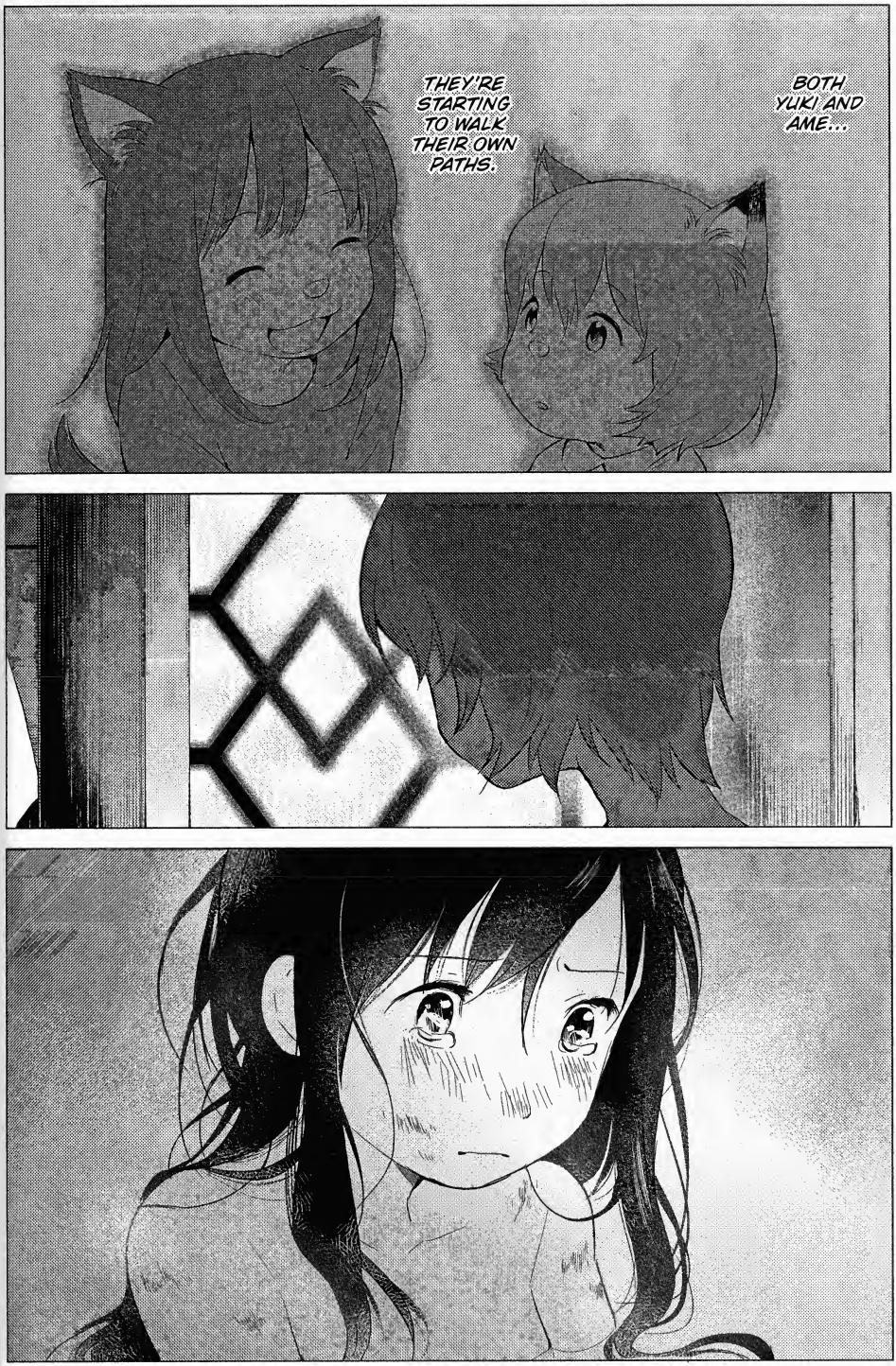
ST—
STOP IT!
BOTH OF YOU!!
BAN (WHAM)

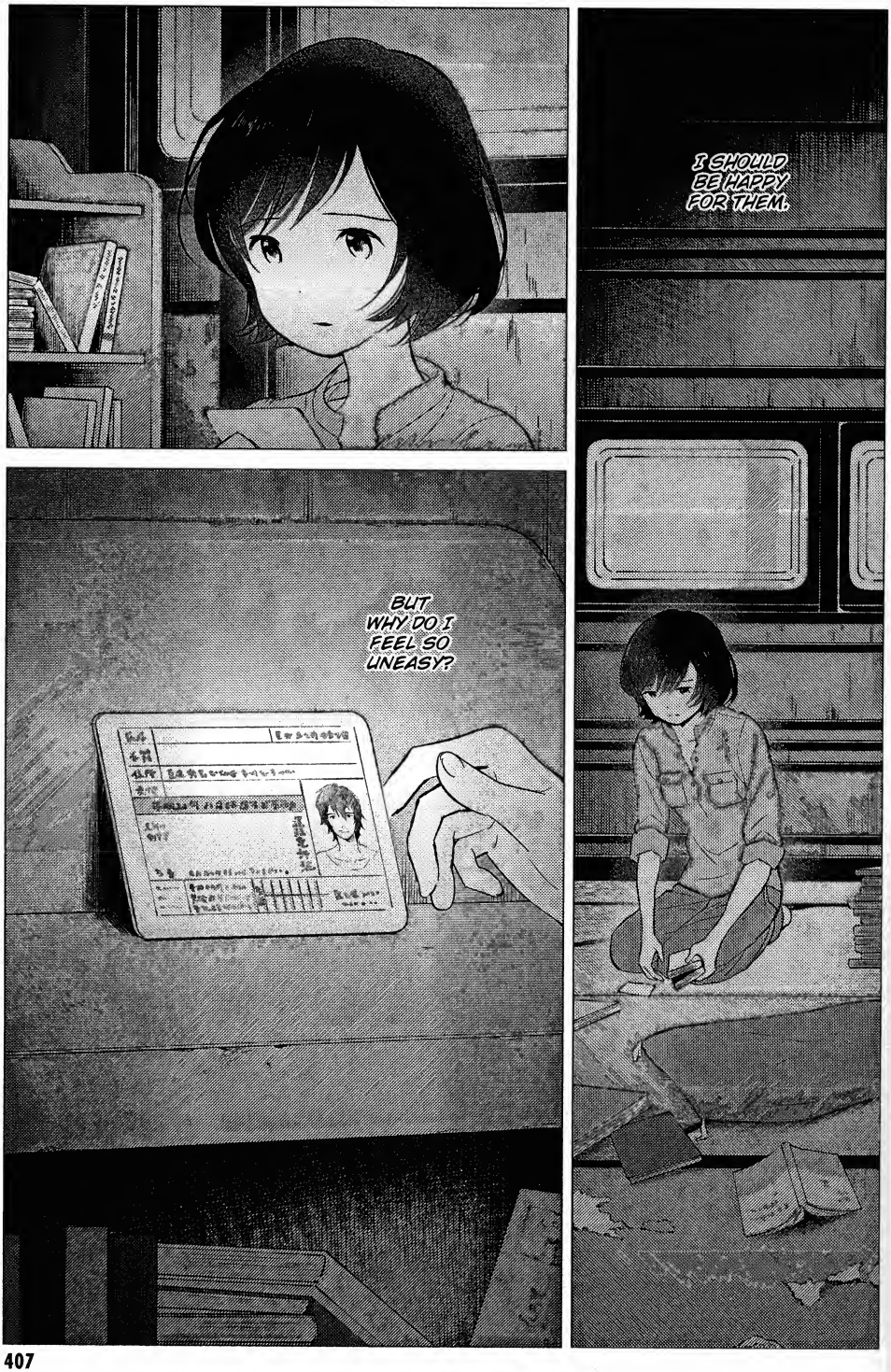

AME!!
YUKI!!
CRARR!
KIH
WAUF!

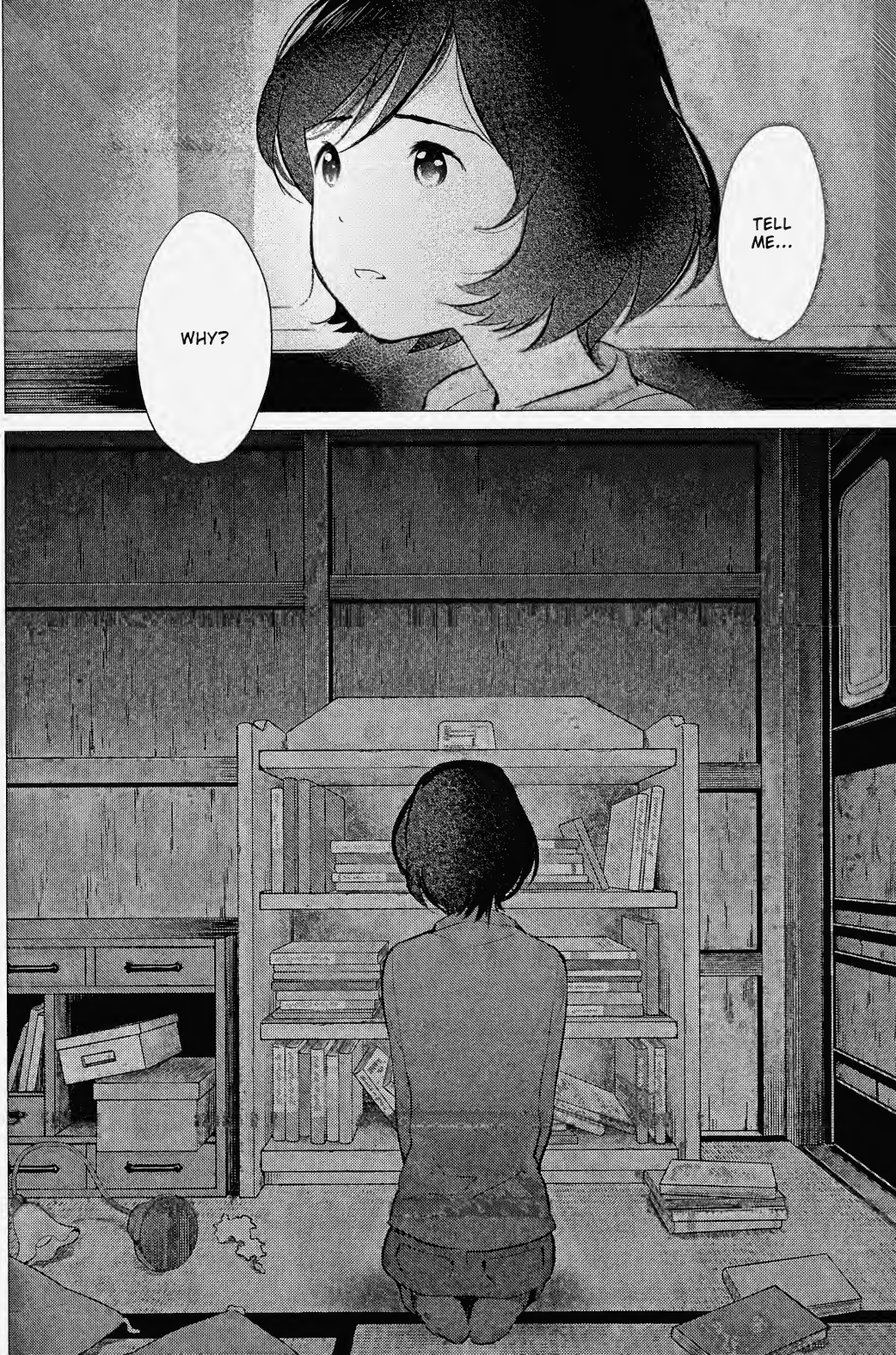
BA (WHAP)
DA (TAK)
DA
DA
DA
DA

YUKI.....!!
バタン
BATAN (SLAM)
ガチャ
GACHA (CLICK)
...AME.....

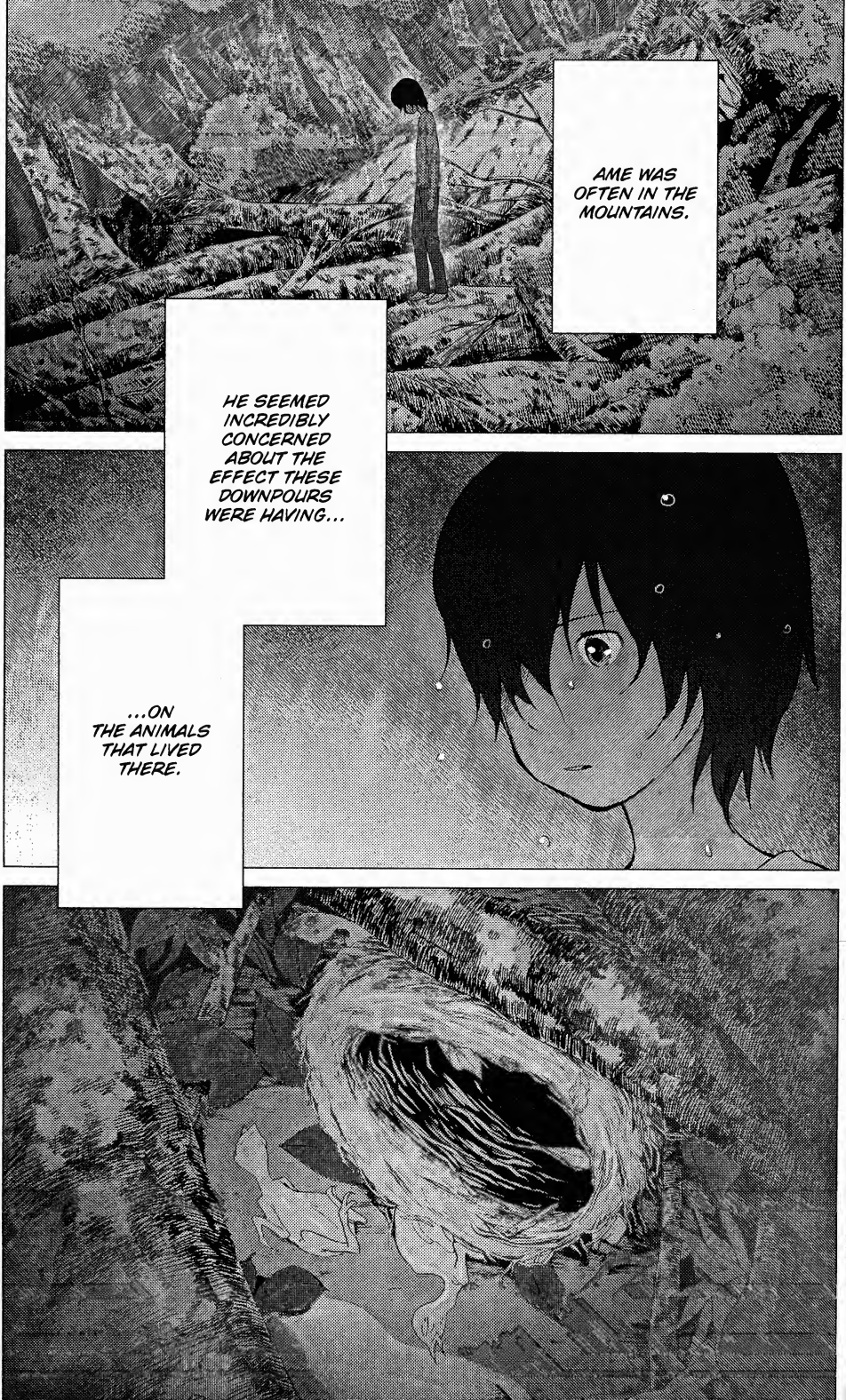
HIC...
ZU
(SNIFFLE)
すん
HIC!

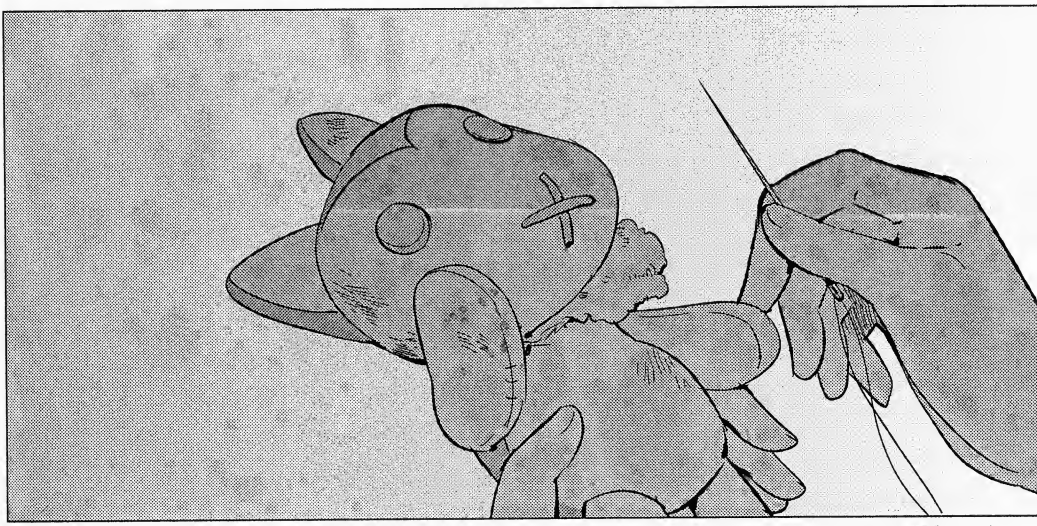

THEY'RE STARTING TO WALK THEIR OWN PATHS.
BOTH YUKI AND AME...


I SHOULD BE HAPPY FOR THEM.
BUT WHY DO I FEEL SO UNEASY?


TELL ME...
WHY?

TWO YEARS PASSED AFTER THAT...
...AND IN MY LAST SUMMER OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
...RECORD-BREAKING RAINS FELL I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES.


AME WAS OFTEN IN THE MOUNTAINS.
HE SEEMED INCREDIBLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECT THESE DOWNPOURS WERE HAVING...
...ON THE ANIMALS THAT LIVED THERE.



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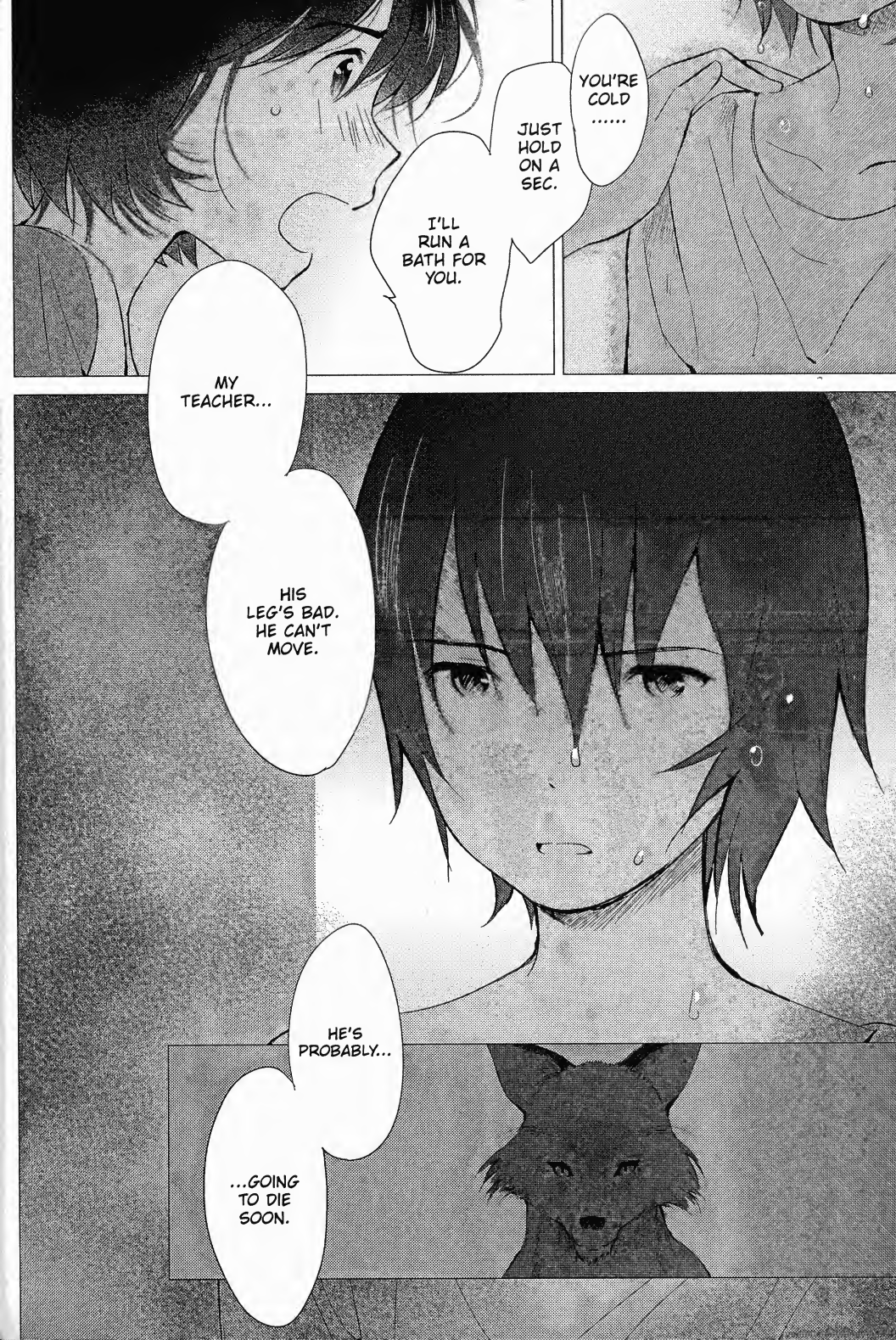
GARARA (CLATTER)
ガラララッ
AME.....!!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN!?


YOU'RE COLD .....
JUST HOLD ON A SEC.
I'LL RUN A BATH FOR YOU.
MY TEACHER...
HIS LEG'S BAD. HE CAN'T MOVE.
HE'S PROBABLY...
...GOING TO DIE SOON.

.....!!
THE THINGS HE'S BEEN DOING UP TO NOW...
...SOMEONE HAS TO DO THEM FOR HIM.
.....!!

AME!!
GU (SQUEEZE)
I FORBID YOU FROM GOING BACK INTO THE MOUNTAINS!!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? YOU'RE ONLY TEN!
YOU'RE A CHILD!!
EVEN IF TEN IS GROWN UP FOR A WOLF!

AH!

YOU'RE—

.....

OH.....

ZAAAAAAAA (PSSSH)

ザァァァァァァァ

.....
PLEASE.
GYU (SQUEEZE)
ぎゅ…
DON'T GO INTO THE MOUNTAINS ANYMORE.
HA (GASP)
はっ
PLEASE.
AS YOUR MOTHER, I'M ASKING YOU...

GO! GO!!
THERE!!
キュッ
KYU (SQUEAK)
GO ALL THE WAY!
キュ
KYU
DAN (BOUNCE)
ダン
DAN
ダン
DAN
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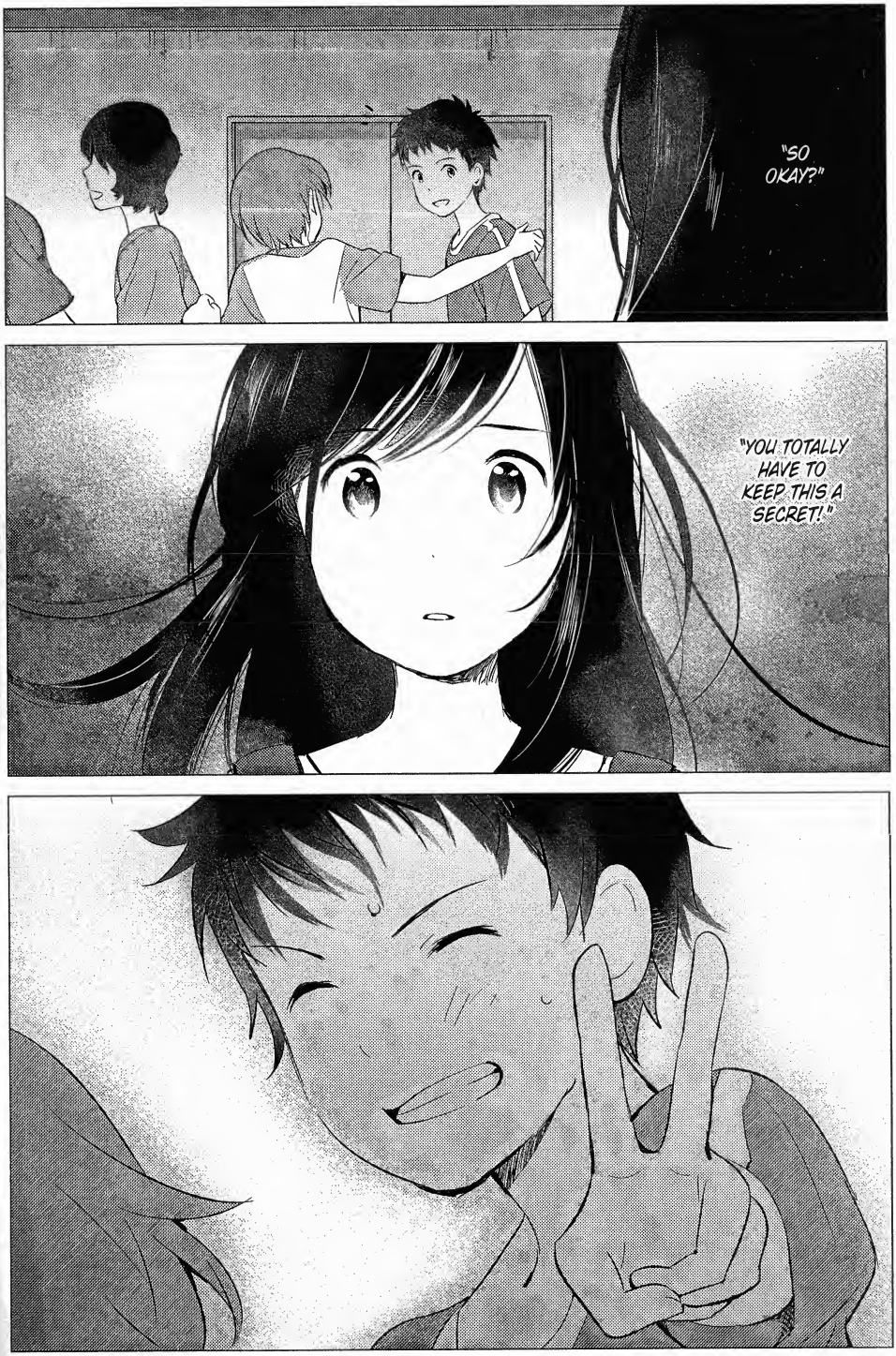
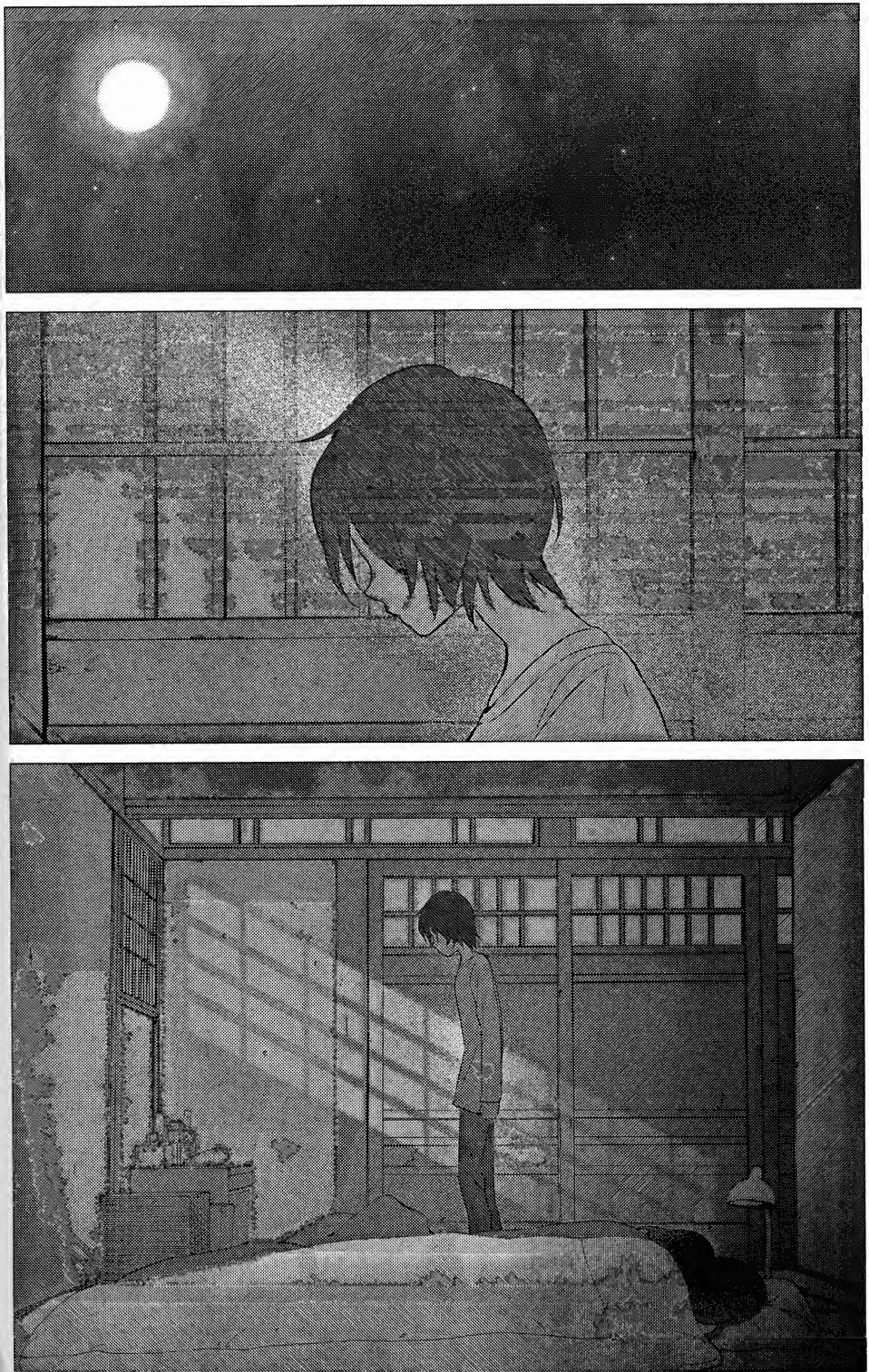
DAN
ダン

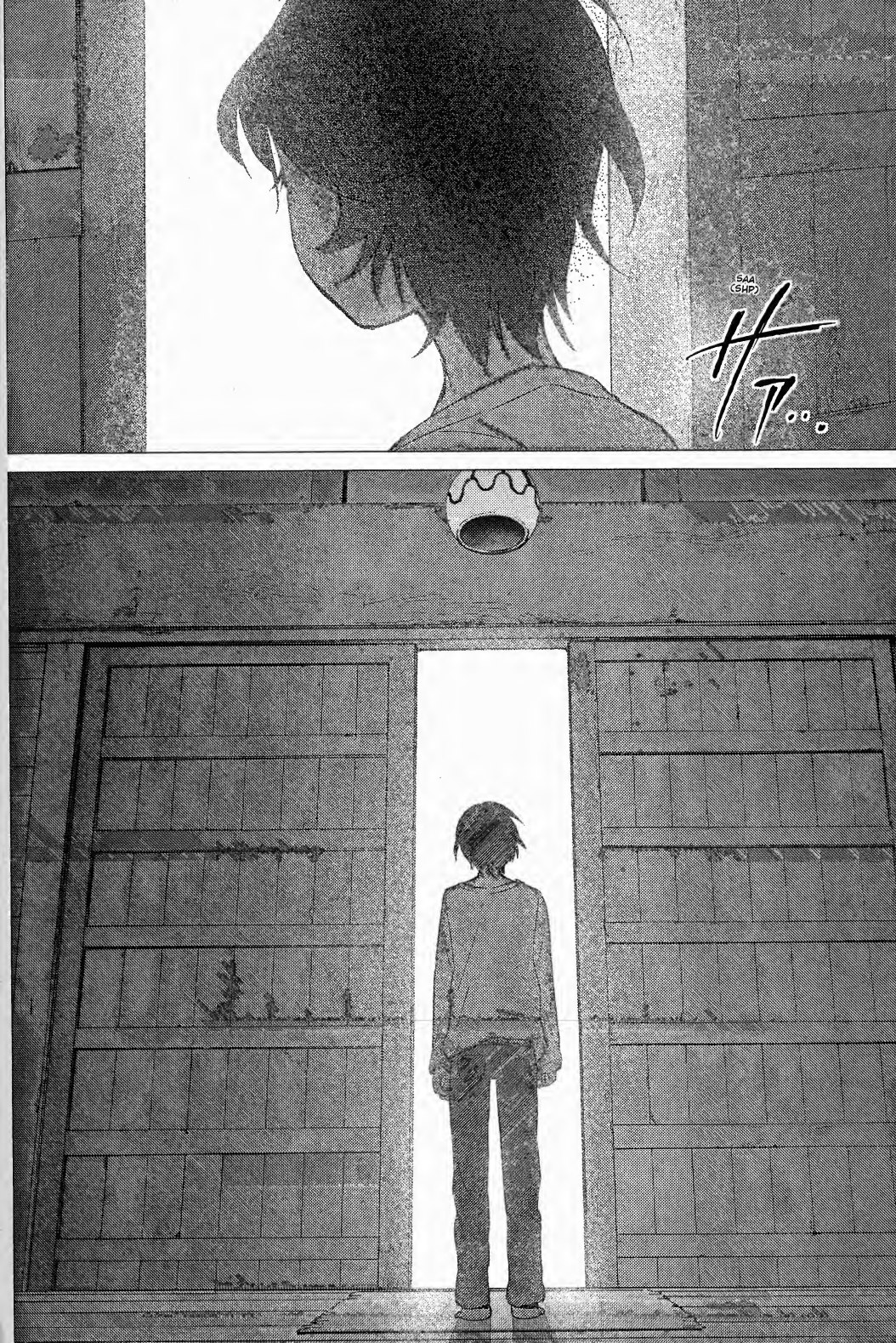
"HEY, YOU KNOW WHAT?"
MY PARENTS WERE TALKING, OKAY?
AND I KINDA HEARD THEM.
THEY SAID SOUHEI-KUN'S MOM...
SIGN: GRADE 6
6年生
...IS GETTING MARRIED!!
REALLY!?

THEN SOUHEI-KUN'LL GET A DAD.
YEAH...
BUT YOU KNOW...
...SOUHEI-KUN...
...I GUESS HE DOESN'T KNOW YET.....
ガコン
GAKON (CLANG)


"SO OKAY?"
"YOU TOTALLY HAVE TO KEEP THIS A SECRET!"

.....SOU-
CHAN.....




BAA (SHP)
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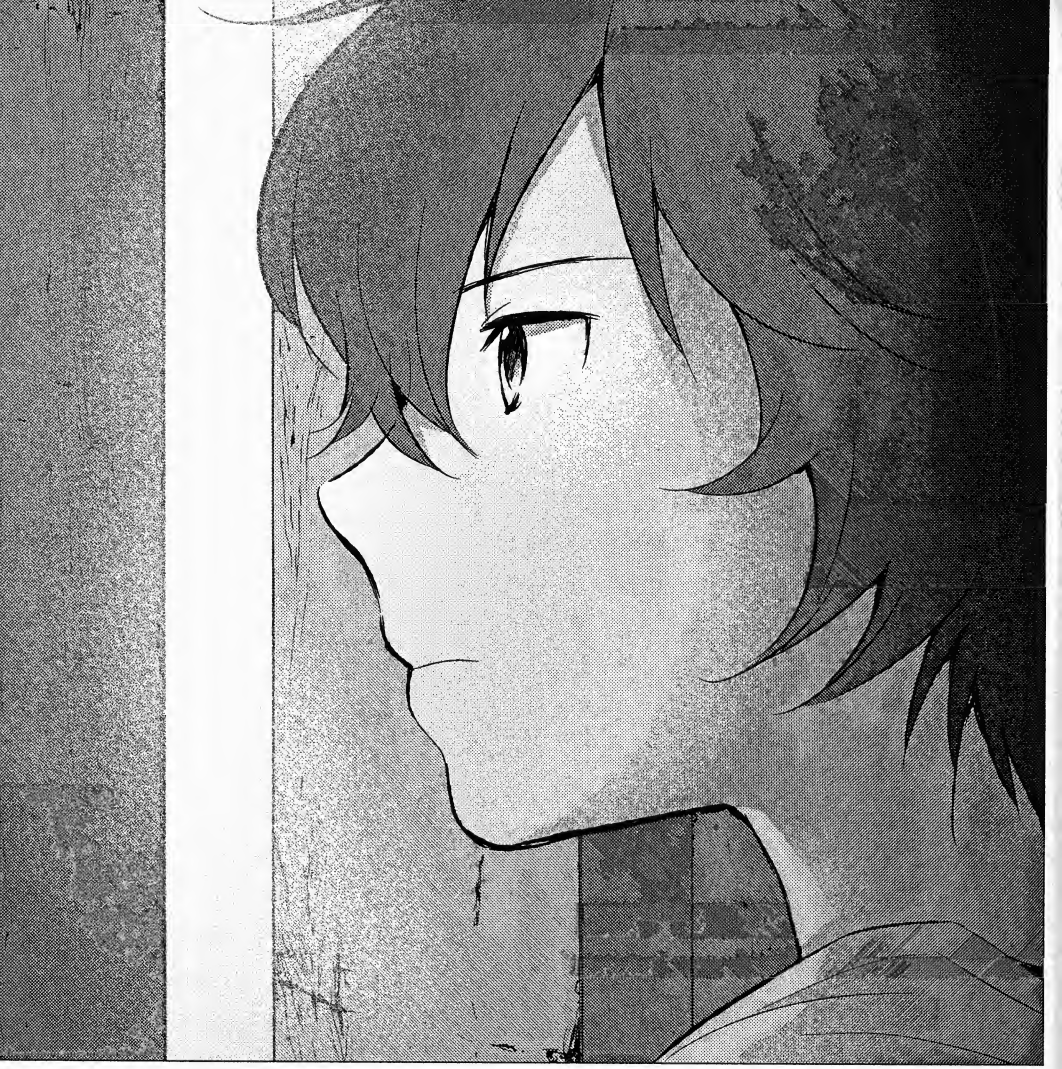

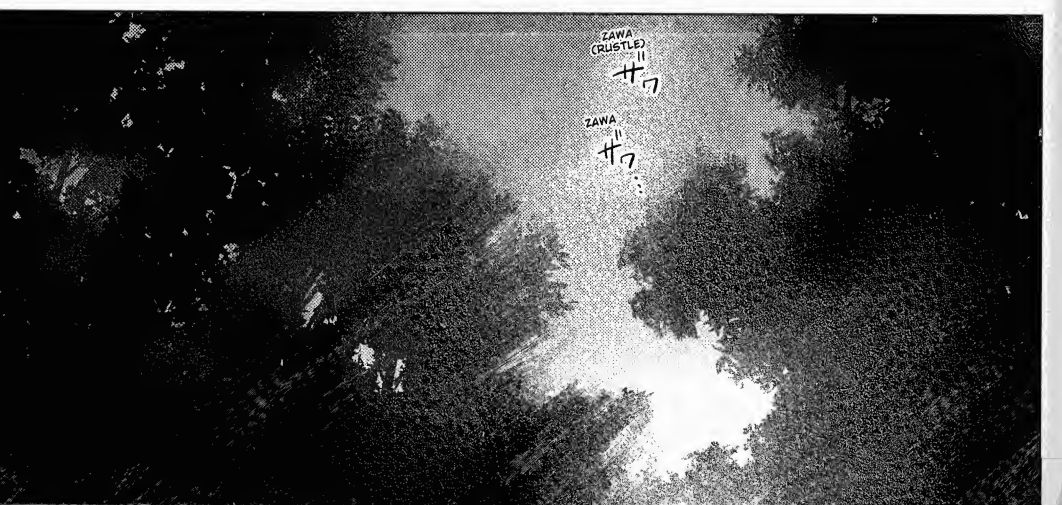
ZAWA (RUSTLE)
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ZAWA
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Chapter 13 After the Clouds
Within the prefecture today, we'll first see a high-pressure front and the skies will be clear...
The front is expected to move out over the Sea of Japan.
IT'S SOOOOOO HUMID!!
Due to this front, the weather will likely worsen from the evening as we move into night.
JIIIIIIWA (KREEE)
JIIIIWA
JIII (BZZZ)
CHUN (TWEET)
CHUN

STAY HOME TODAY.
YUKI?
UH-HUH?
HUH?
WHY...
YOU'RE GOING TO MISS THE BUS!
OKAY!

YOU STAY HERE WITH HER.
SEE YOU TONIGHT!
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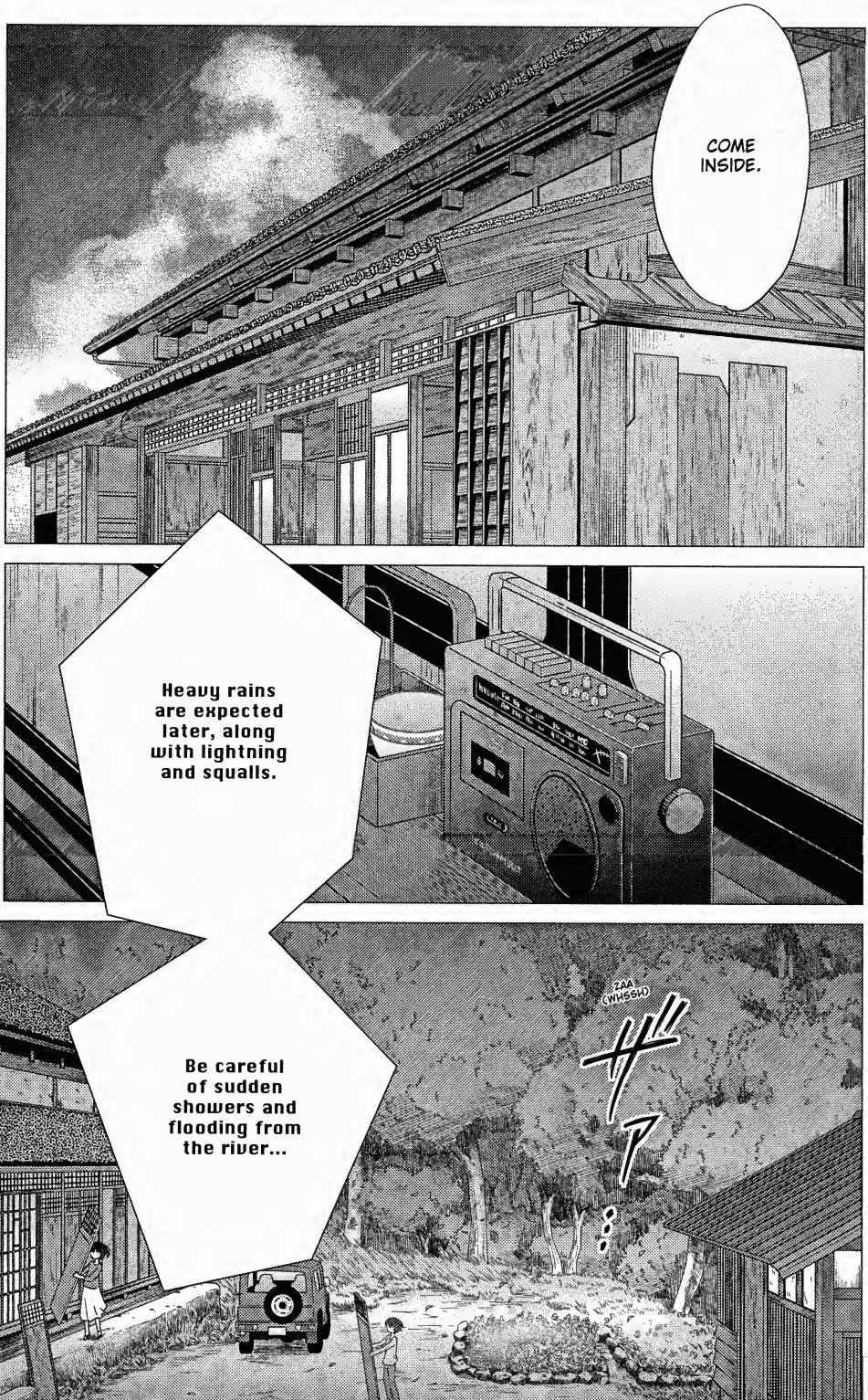
タッ (TA)

—AME.....
.....
AME!!
AH!


COME INSIDE.
Heavy rains are expected later, along with lightning and squalls.
Be careful of sudden showers and flooding from the river...
ZAA (WHOOSH)

GOOO
(RUMBLE)
ゴオオ…

ZAZA
(FWSSH)

ALL RIGHT, SIT DOWN...
SIT DOWN...
WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING SOME HEAVY RAINFALL, SO...
...AFTERNOON CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELED.
わぁっ
WAA (CHEER)

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WAI GIDDY?
WAI
WE'VE CONTACTED YOUR MOMS AND DADS AND ASKED THEM TO COME AND PICK YOU UP!
WHEE!
ZAWA (CHATTER)
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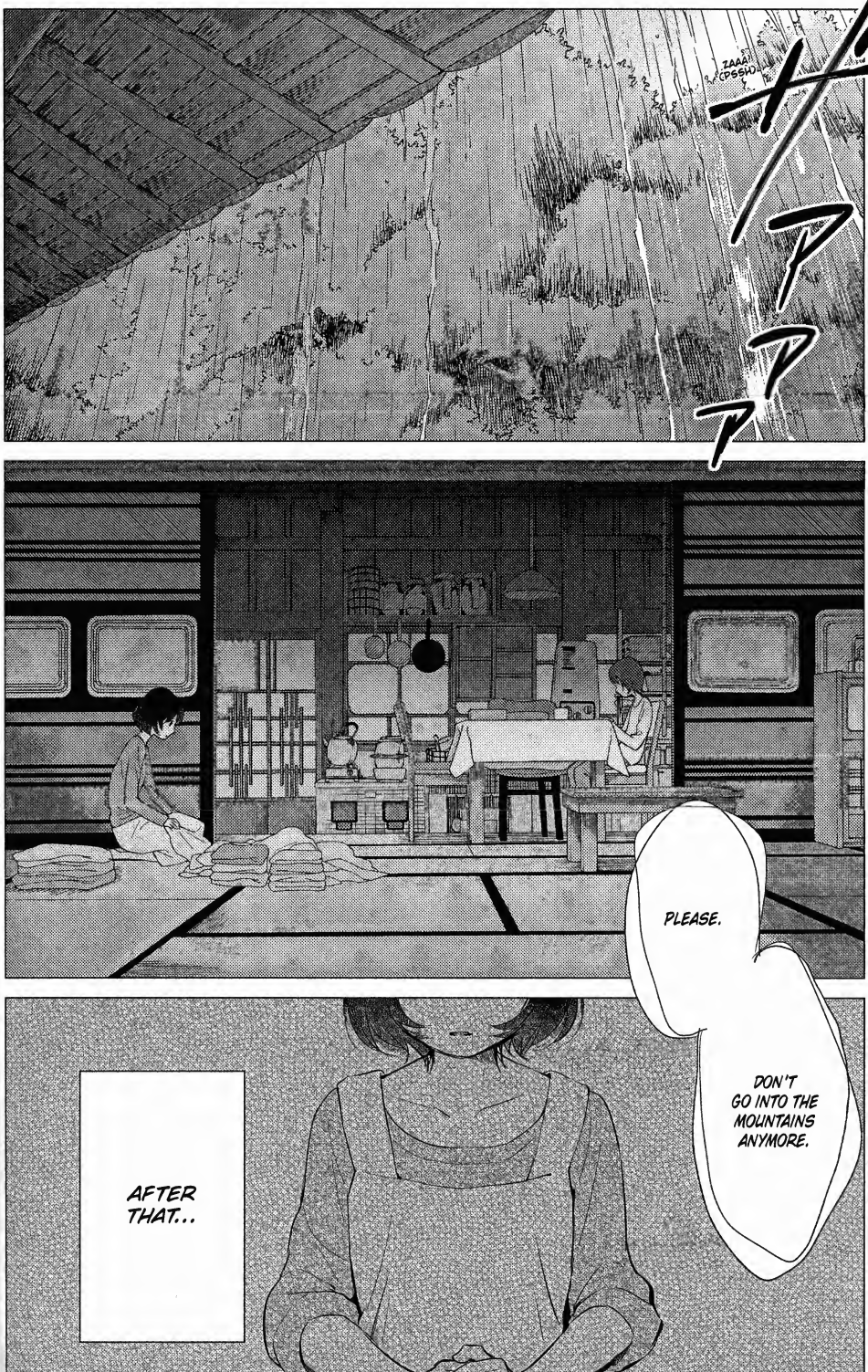
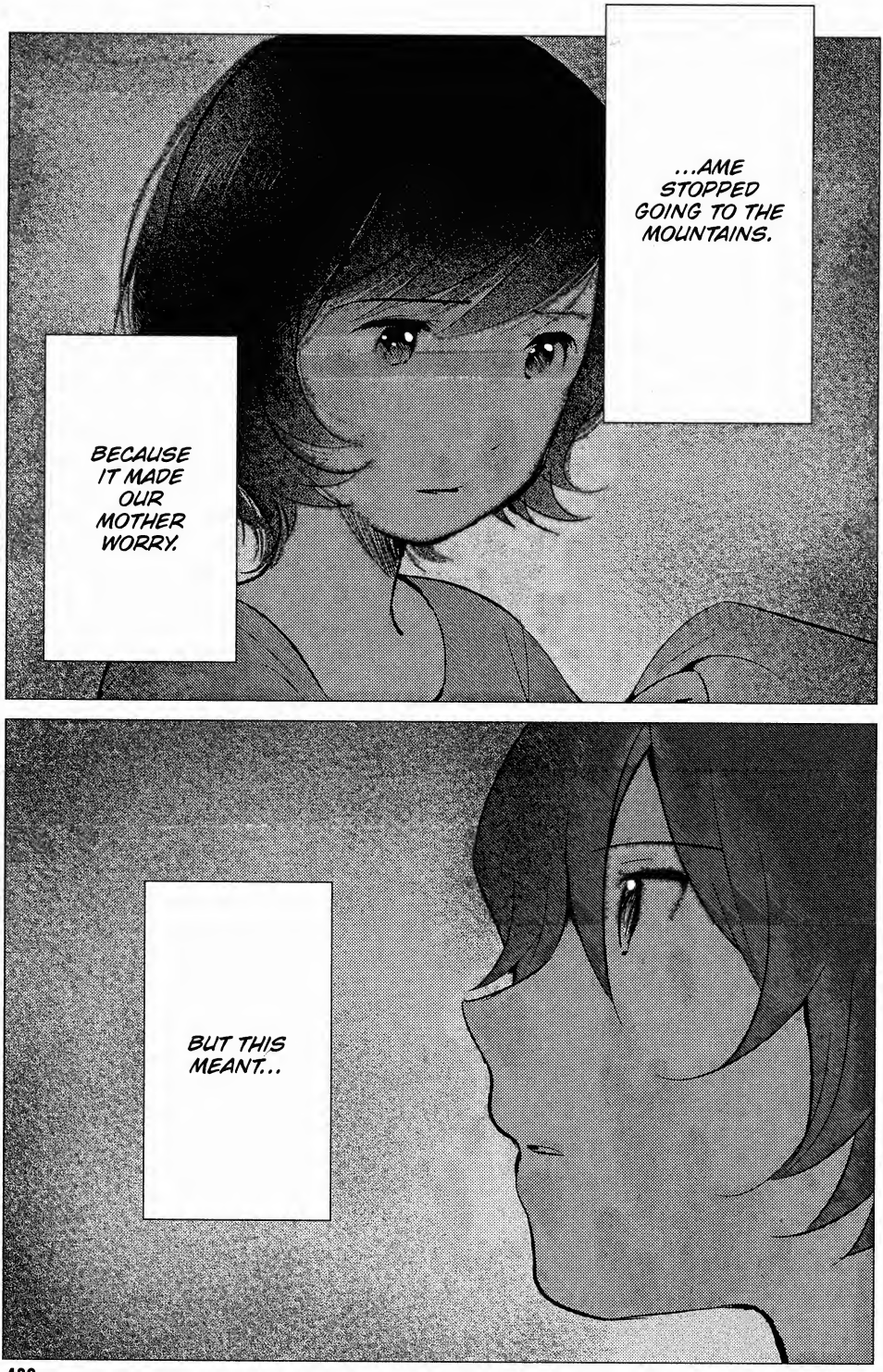
ZAWA
ALL RIGHT!
UNTIL THEY COME, WE'RE ALL GOING TO GO TO THE GYM AND ARRANGE OURSELVES BY NEIGHBORHOOD!


ZAAA (PSSH)
PLEASE.
DON'T GO INTO THE MOUNTAINS ANYMORE.
AFTER THAT...


...AME STOPPED GOING TO THE MOUNTAINS.
BECAUSE IT MADE OUR MOTHER WORRY.
BUT THIS MEANT...

...HE WAS SACRIFICING THE NEW WORLD HE'D DISCOVERED.
THAT'S WHAT MOM CAME TO REALIZE.

!!
DOSHAAAAN (BOOOOOM)
AH.....
THE POWER'S OUT.....?
FU (WFF)

I'M JUST GOING TO GO AND CHECK THE BREAKER.
GORO (RUMBLE)
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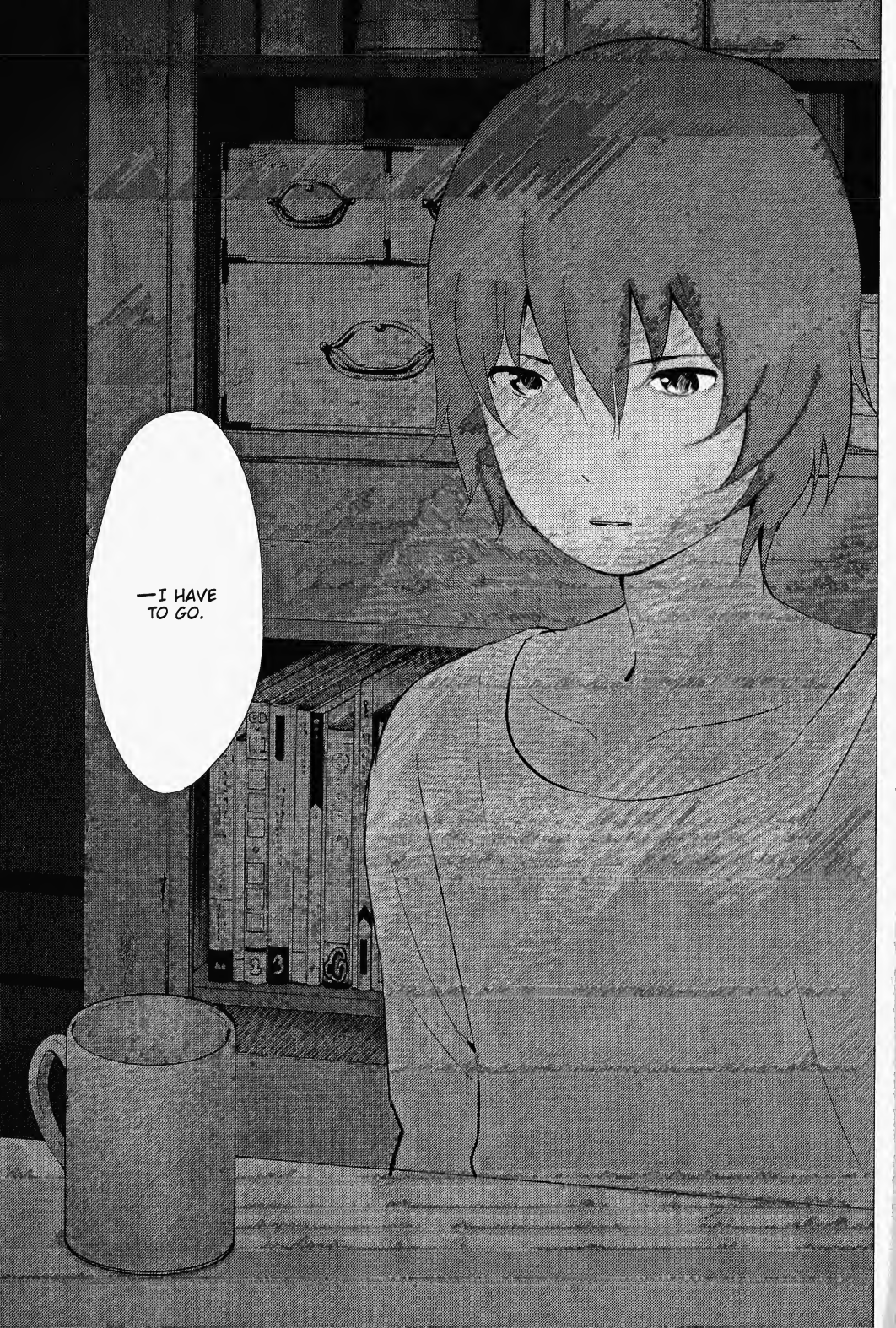
GORO
ゴロ...


—I HAVE TO GO.

ZAAAA (PSSSH)
YES.
ALL RIGHT. I UNDERSTAND.
I'LL COME AND GET HER NOW.

ガチャ
GACHA (CLACK)
AME!
AME?
COME WITH ME TO PICK UP YUKI...
.....AME?

GATA
CLATTERD
ガタッ
!!

ビュウウウウ

(HYOOO)

AME.....!?

はっ
BA
(BANG)
GOO
(WHOOMO
……!!

AME.....
AME
.....!!

KA (CRACK)
Chapter 14 Wandering
DOOOOON (BOOOOOM)
AAAH!!

MY PARENTS ARE TAKING FOREVER .....
DON'T WORRY.
HOW 'BOUT WE PLAY CARDS TILL THEY SHOW UP?
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PON (PAT)
I'LL GO GET THE CARDS FROM CLASS.
OH.
OKAY...
ALL RIGHT!
CARDS!
FUN!

HALLOOOO!
SHINO!

DAD!
SORRY, SORRY!
YOU TOOK FOREVER!
THIS STORM IS REALLY SOMETHING. TERRIBLE.

FUU (F.WP)

YUKI-CHAN, LET US GIVE YOU A RIDE.
AH.
YEAH. COME WITH US, YUKI-CHAN!

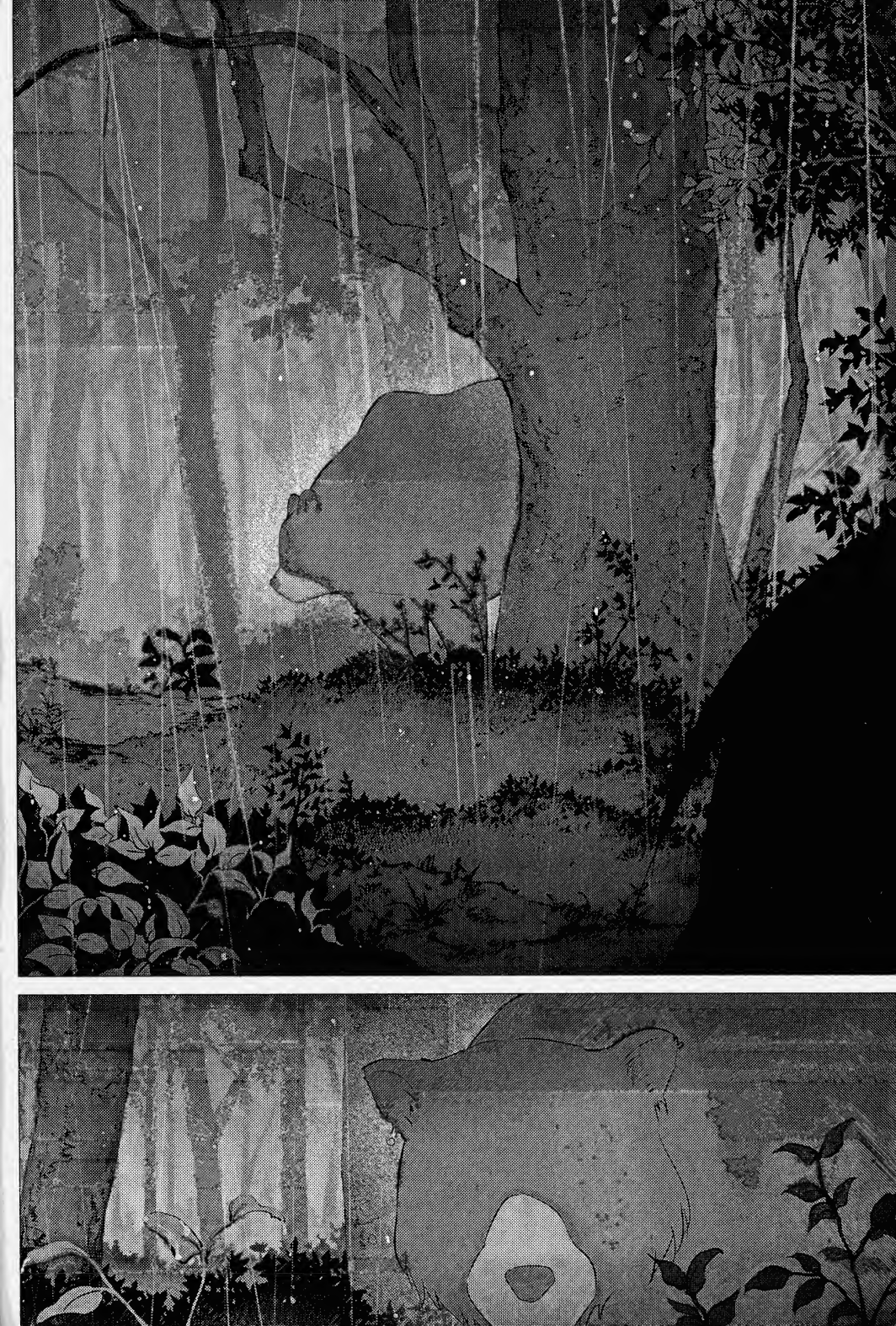
OH.....
BUT, UM...
I'M OKAY.
MY MOM'LL PROBABLY BE HERE SOON AND ALL.....
IT'D BE BAD IF WE MISSED EACH OTHER.
YOU SURE?

AME!
WHERE ARE YOU, AME.....?
BYUOH (HYOOOO)
AME!!

AME.....
YOU PROMISED...
...YOU WOULDN'T GO INTO THE MOUNTAINS.....

GU (TUG)
ZURU (SLIP)
!!
AAH!

...OW.....
ガサッ
GASA (RUSTLE)
!
AME.....!
ドクン
DOKUN (BADUM)



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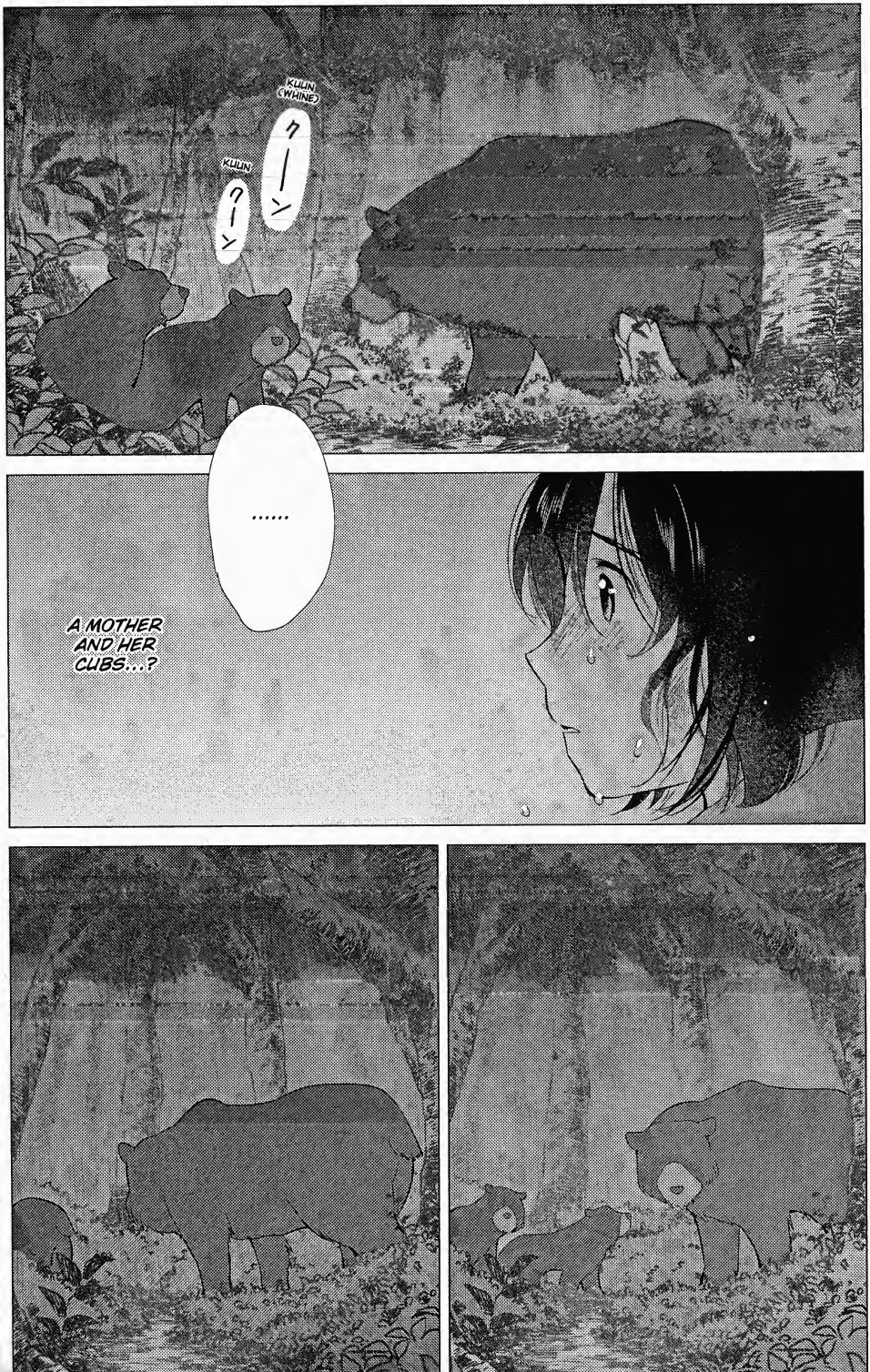
KUUUN (WHINE)


KUUN (WHINE)
クーン
KUUN
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.....
A MOTHER AND HER CUBS...?

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ZAAAAAA
(PSSSSH)

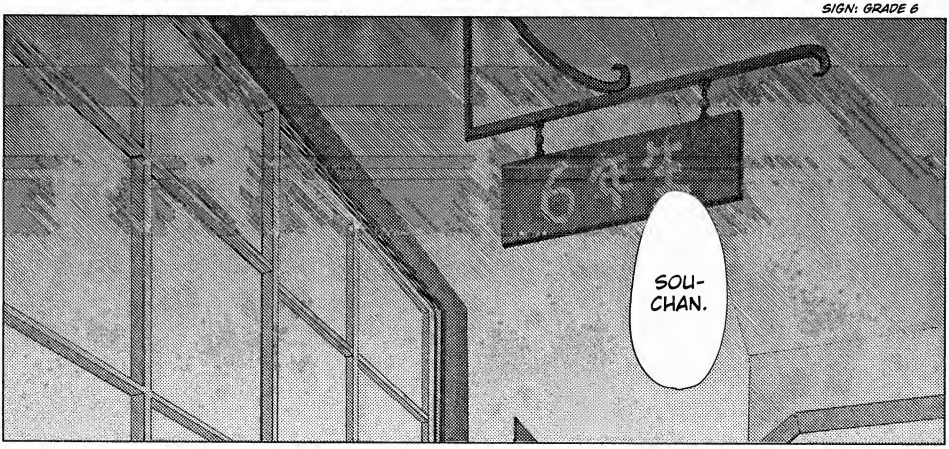
AME.....
WHERE ARE YOU.....?

SOU-CHAN.....
HE'S TAKING A LONG TIME.....

SU (SHF)
YUKI-CHA.....
GYM RULES
TA (TAK)
TA
HUH? DID YUKI-CHAN GO HOME?
?
OKAY, KIDS, LISTEN UUUUUP!!
GARA (CHAK)

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE EVERYONE STILL HERE HOME IN THE SCHOOL CAR!
GET YOUR SHOES AND MEET UP HEEEERE!!

SIGN: GRADE 6


SOU-CHAN.

.....
MM...

SOU-CHAN.
HM?
UWAH!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
IT'S JUST .....
...YOU WERE TAKING A LONG TIME.

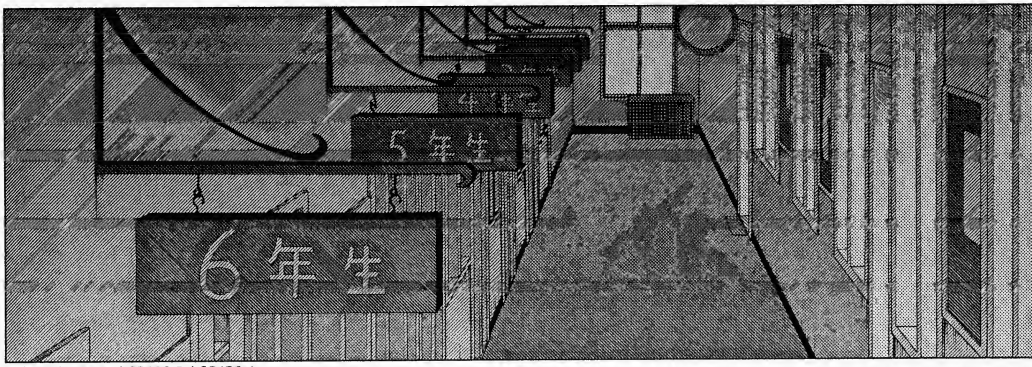
...HUH!?
NO ONE'S HERE.....
DID EVERYONE GO HOME?
GUESS IT'S JUST US NO ONE'S COMING FOR.
.....I WONDER...
...IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO MY MOM.

.....WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IF NO ONE COMES FOR US?
WE CAN LIVE IN THE SCHOOL.
WE CAN'T LIVE AT SCHOOL!
WHY NOT?

AT NIGHT, WE CAN SLEEP IN THE NURSE'S ROOM.
WHAT ABOUT FOOD?
WE'LL EAT THE LEFTOVER SCHOOL LUNCH.
AND WHAT IF NO ONE EVER COMES FOR US?
WE'LL LIVE AT SCHOOL FOREVER?

WE'LL PRETEND WE'RE OLDER AND GET JOBS.
LIKE DELIVERING PAPERS OR SOMETHING.
WE CAN'T...
WE'RE JUST KIDS.

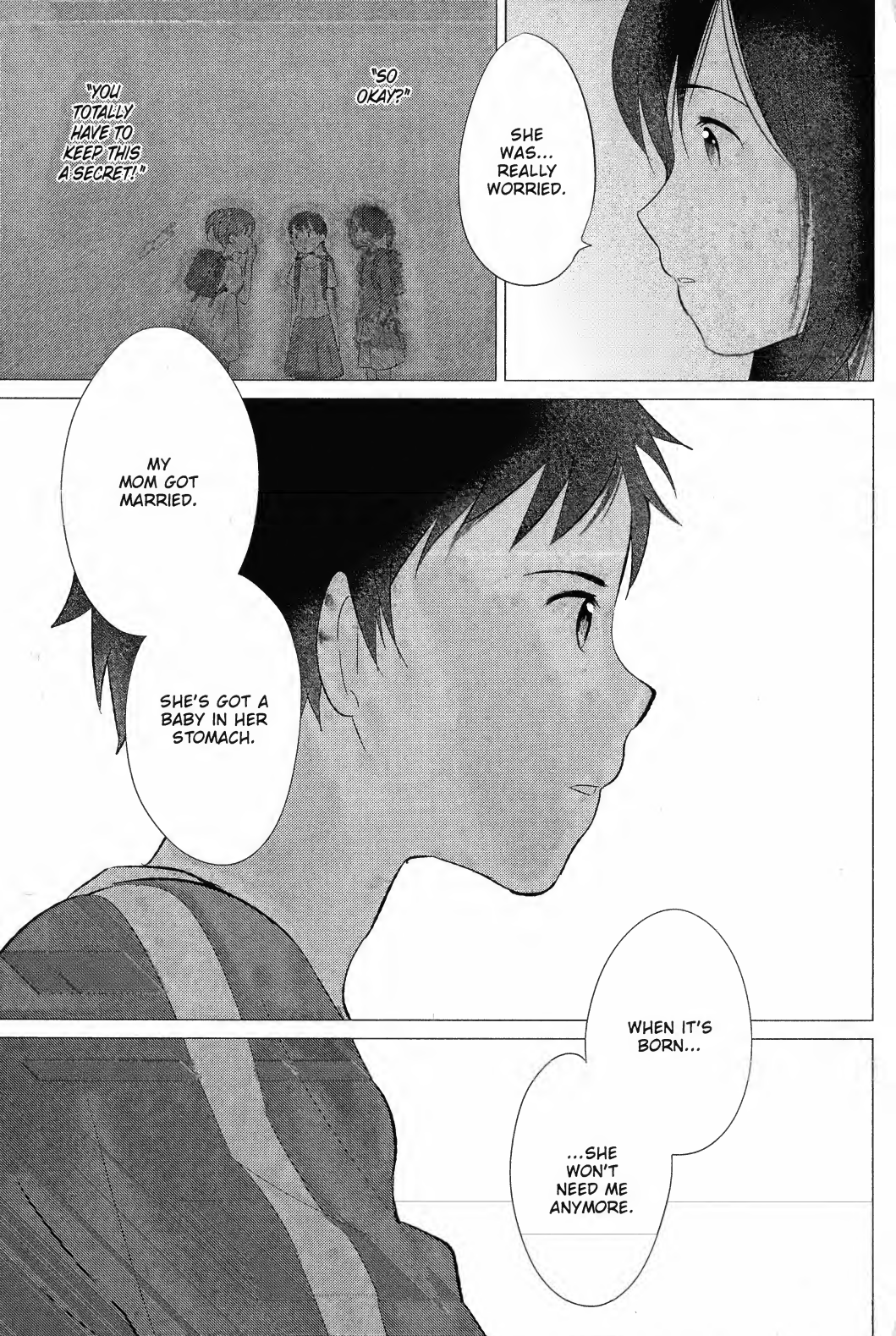
—I WISH...
...WE WERE GROWN UP ALREADY.....



SIGNS: GRADE 6 / GRADE 5 / GRADE 4

IT'S LIKE AN OCEAN.
WE'LL BE SWALLOWED UP.

MY MOM'S PROLLY NOT COMING.
WHY NOT? I'M SURE SHE'LL COME.
I MEAN, THAT TIME...


"YOU TOTALLY HAVE TO KEEP THIS A SECRET!"
"SO OKAY?"
SHE WAS... REALLY WORRIED.
MY MOM GOT MARRIED.
SHE'S GOT A BABY IN HER STOMACH.
WHEN IT'S BORN...
...SHE WON'T NEED ME ANYMORE.

.....!
THAT'S—
I'M TOTALLY FINE WITH IT.
I'M GONNA LEAVE HOME...
...BE A BOXER OR A WRESTLER OR SOMETHING.
I'M GONNA LIVE LIKE A LONE WOLF.

.....SOU-CHAN, YOU'D GET TORN APART IN NO TIME.
YOU'RE ALL SKIN AND BONES.
I'LL TRAIN.
I'LL TRAIN, AND...
...I'LL LIVE BY MYSELF.

HEH
HEH!

—I WISH...
...I WISH I COULD TELL THE TRUTH THE WAY YOU DO...
...AND BE ABLE TO LAUGH ABOUT IT.

KARARA (RATTLE)
カララ…
SOU-CHAN.

.....
THAT TIME...
...THE WOLF THAT HURT YOU.....

—IT WAS ME.

Chapter 15 Chance Meeting
THAT TIME...
...THE WOLF THAT HURT YOU WAS ME.
IT WAS ME.

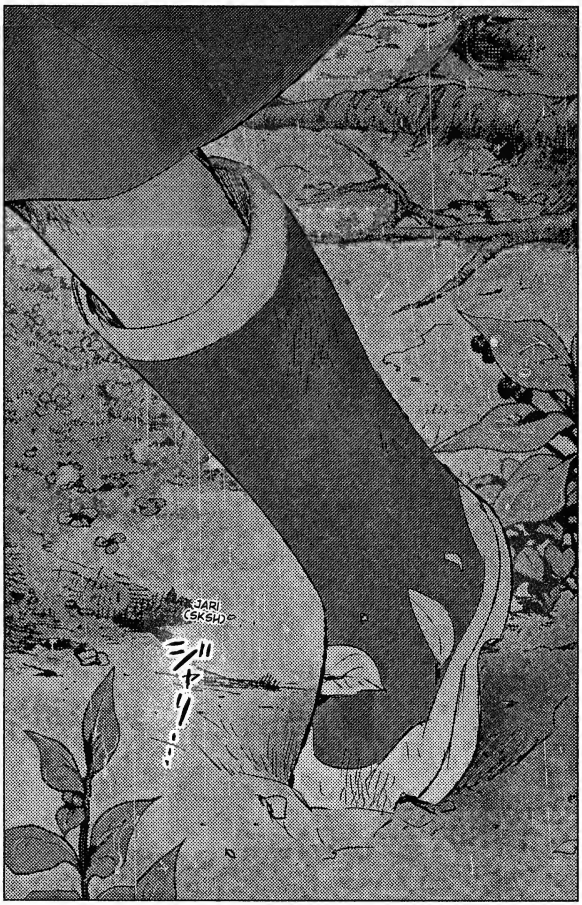
I'VE WANTED TO TELL YOU...
...THIS WHOLE TIME.
IT'S BEEN...
...SO HARD.....

I KNOW.
!
.....I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYONE...
...YOUR SECRET, YUKI.
I WON'T TELL ANYONE.

SO...
...DON'T CRY ANYMORE.

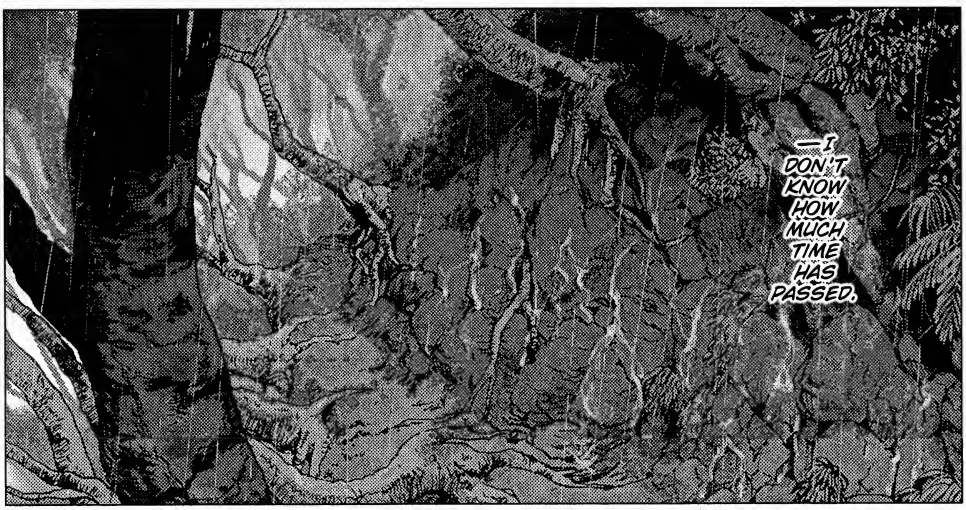
—SOU-
CHAN.

SOU-CHAN.
THANK YOU.
THANK YOU.....


JARI (SKSH)
ジャリ…

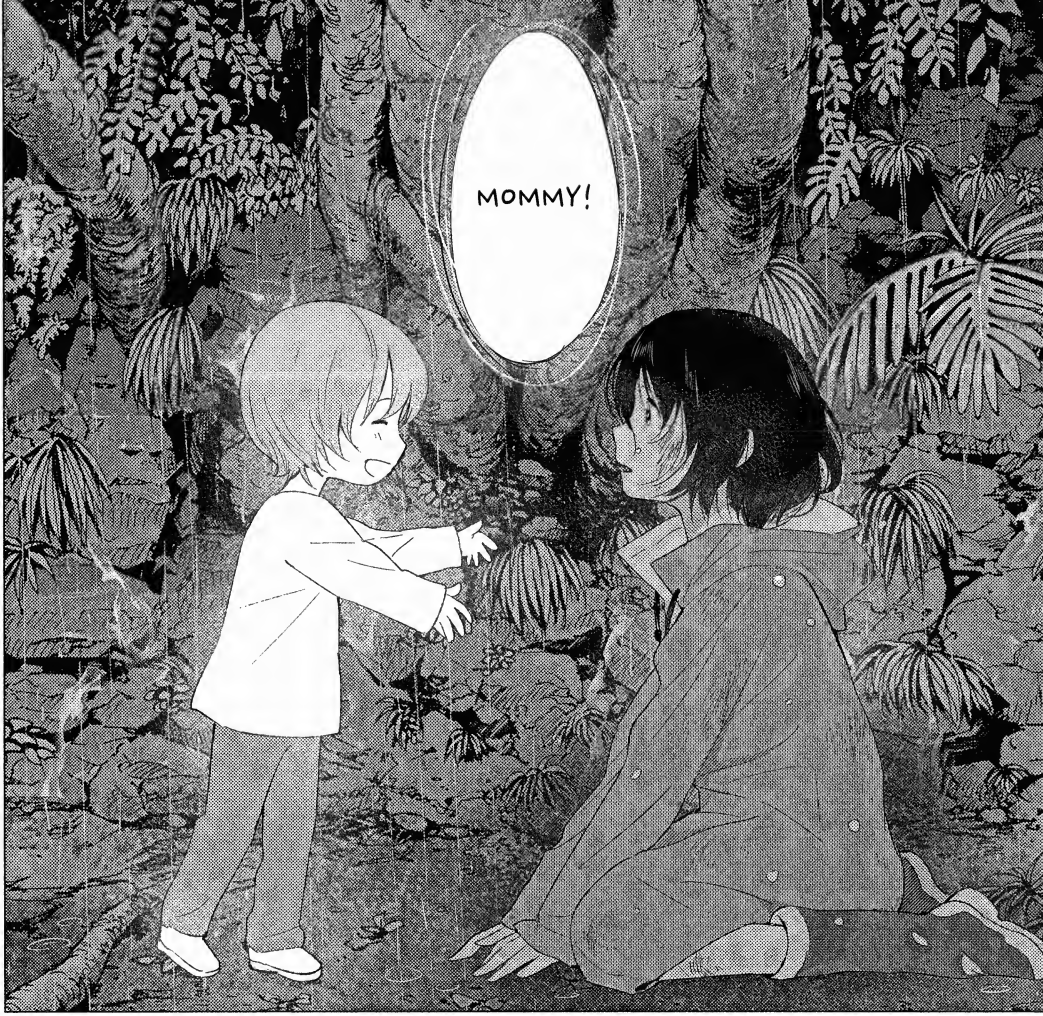
ZAAAAAA (PSSSSH)
ザアアアアア…

AME.....
AME.....


—I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH TIME HAS PASSED.

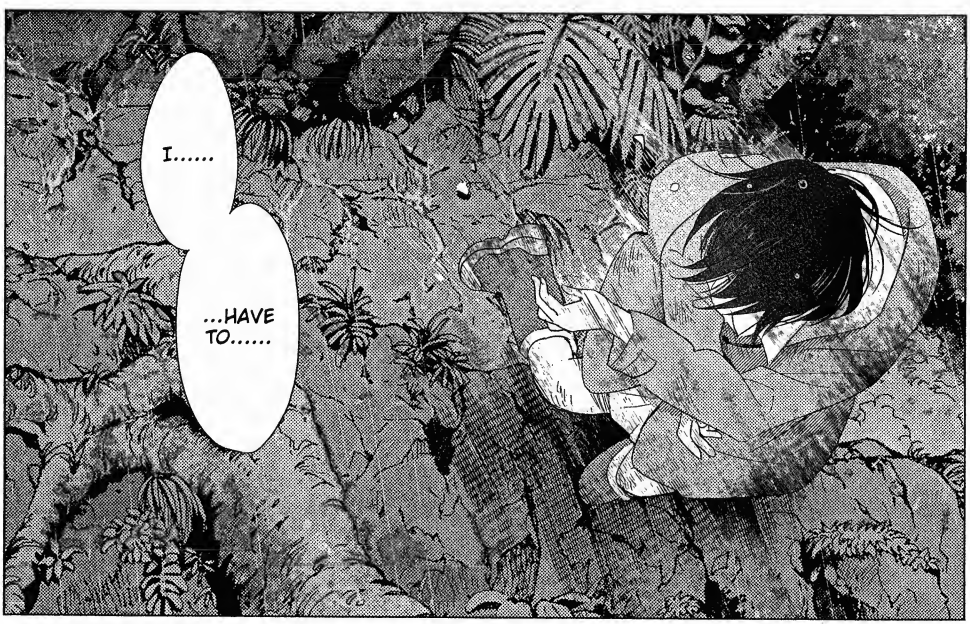
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE MY FEET ARE TAKING ME.
I HAVE NO IDEA.

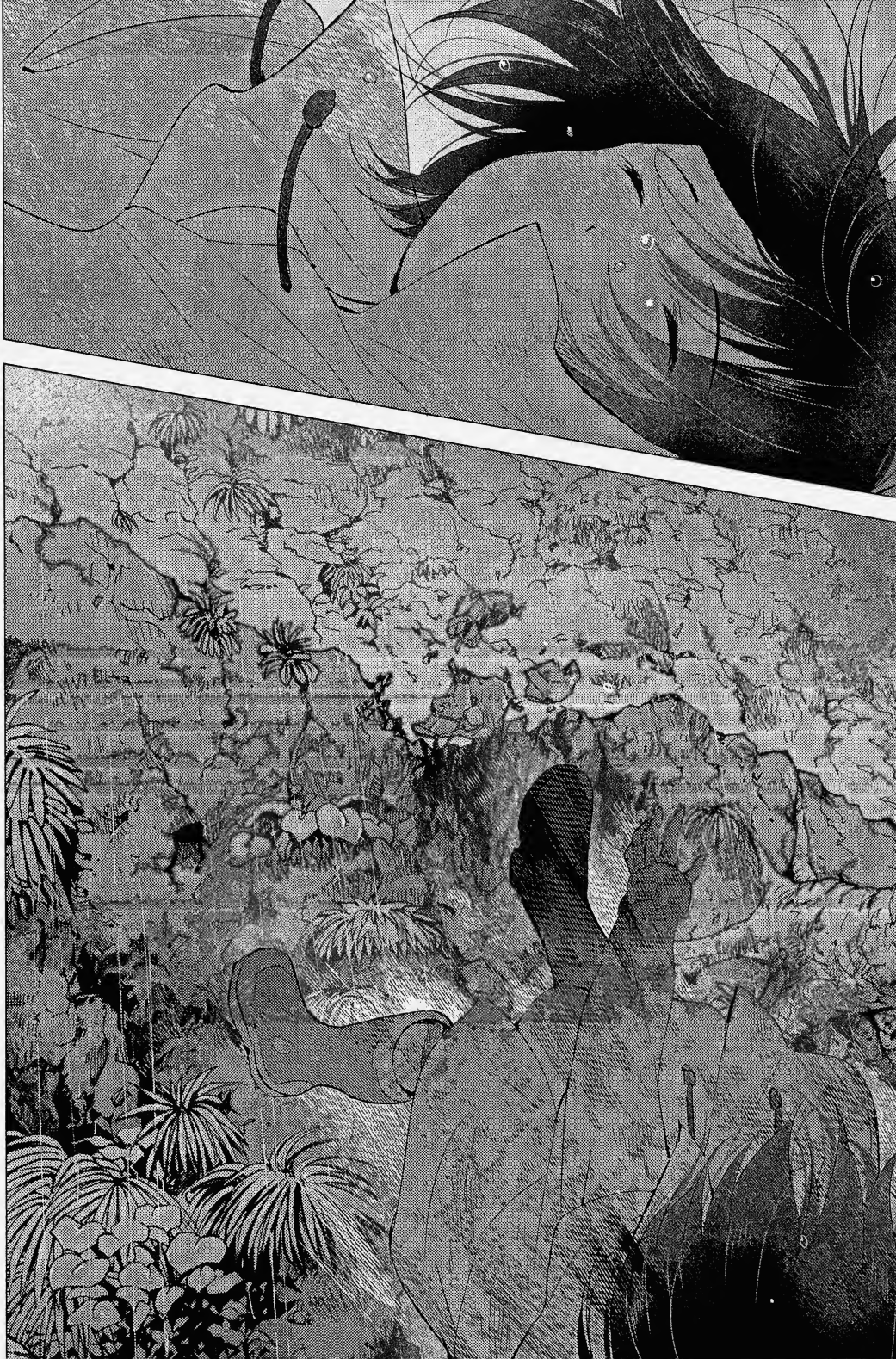
AME.....
ARE YOU...
...OUT THERE, TREMBLING SOMEWHERE .....?
ARE YOU CRYING...
...BECAUSE YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR WAY HOME ...?


MOMMY!

.....AME.

Sooo
I HAVE TO PROTECT HIM.


I.....
...HAVE TO.....



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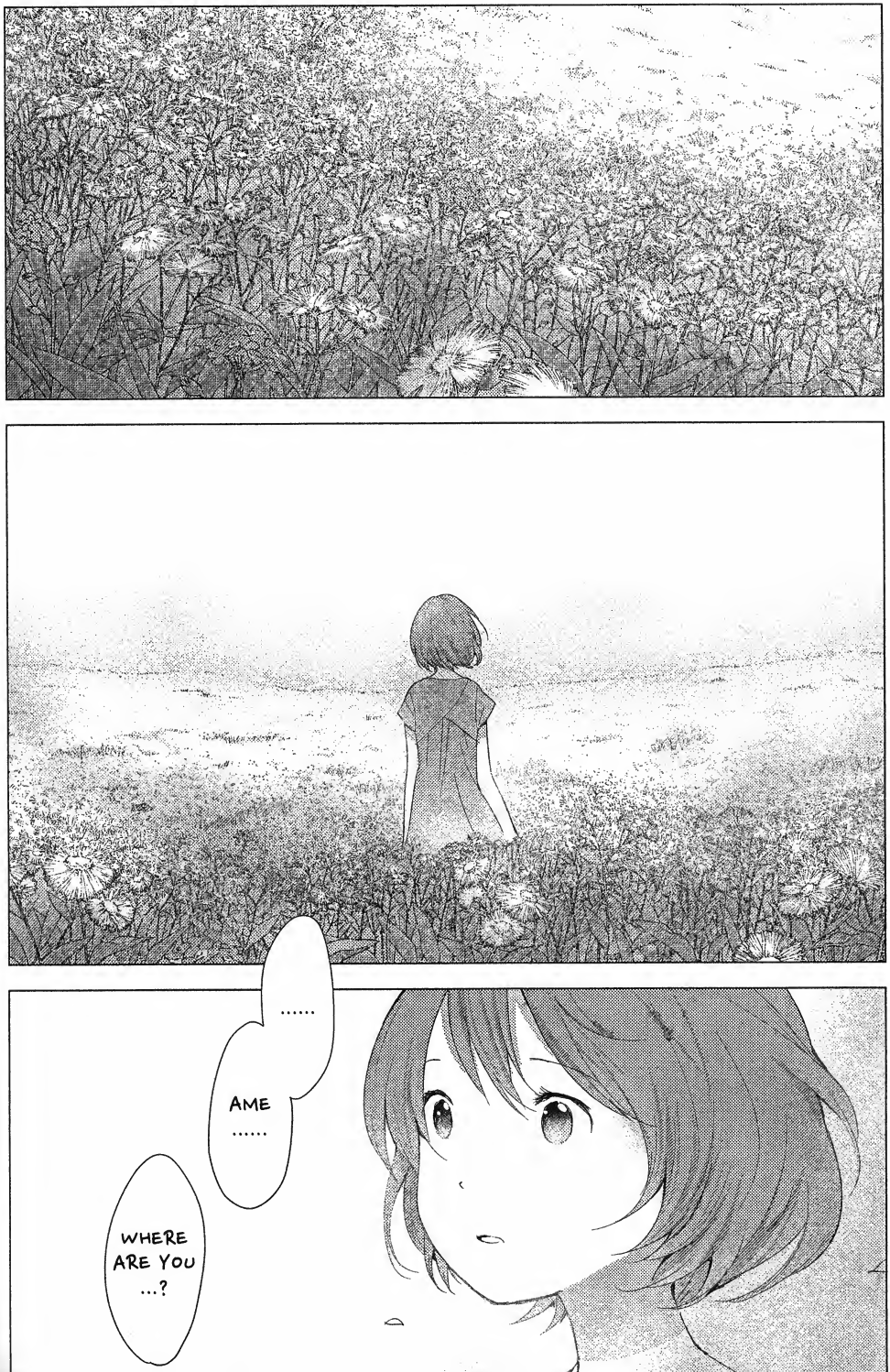
DOM
(THUD)

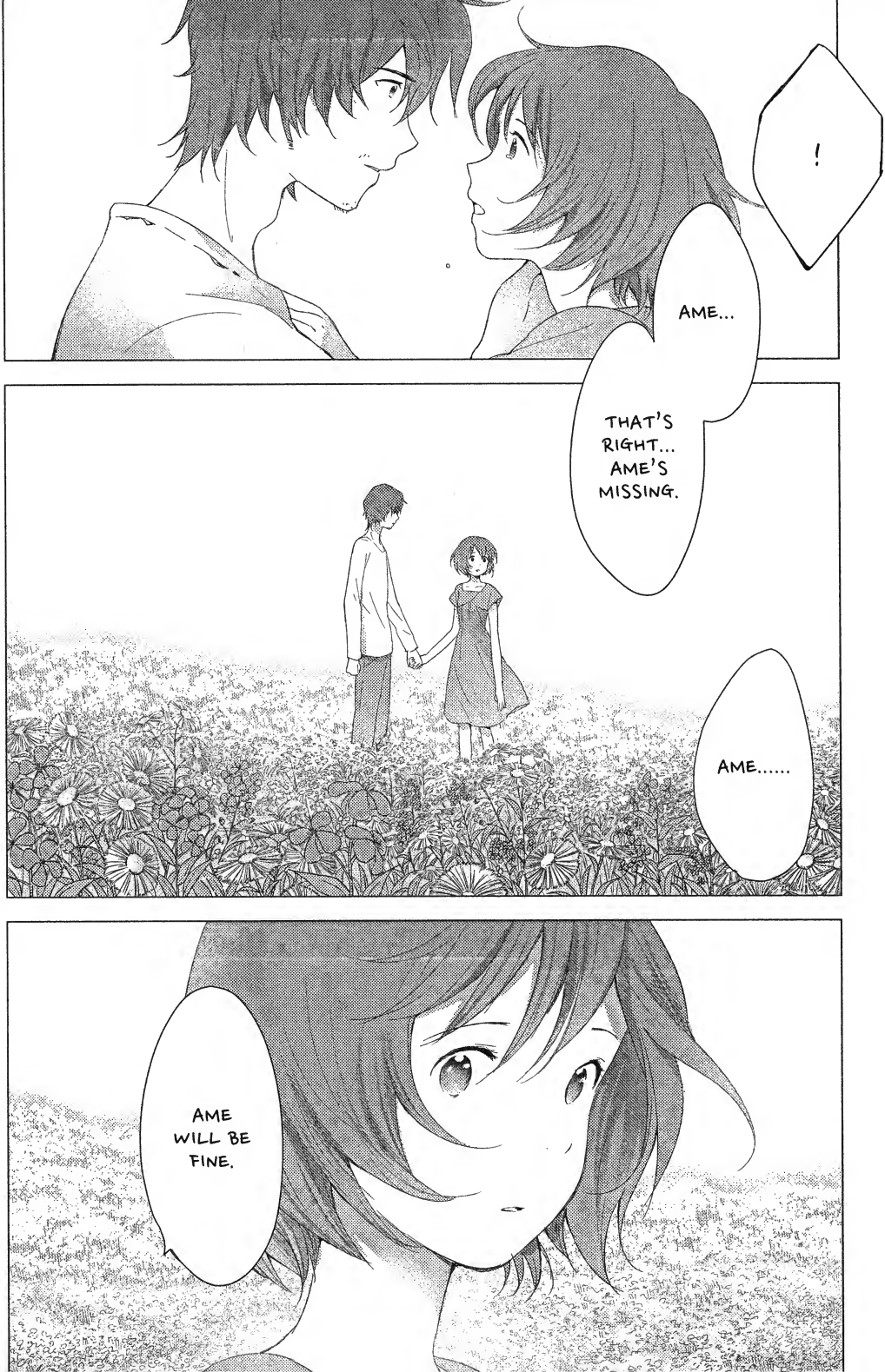

.....
AME
.....
WHERE ARE YOU ...?

.....AME!!
THERE YOU ARE...
OKAY.
WE SHOULD GET HOME.
WE HAVE TO GET YUKI.....

HANA.

.....I MISSED YOU SO MUCH .....!!
...YOU'VE HAD TO WORK SO HARD.
I'M SORRY.

I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU.
..... UH-HUH.
I KNOW.
YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB BRINGING UP THE KIDS.
NO..... NOT AT ALL.
I'VE DONE NOTHING BUT MESS UP.
I MEAN...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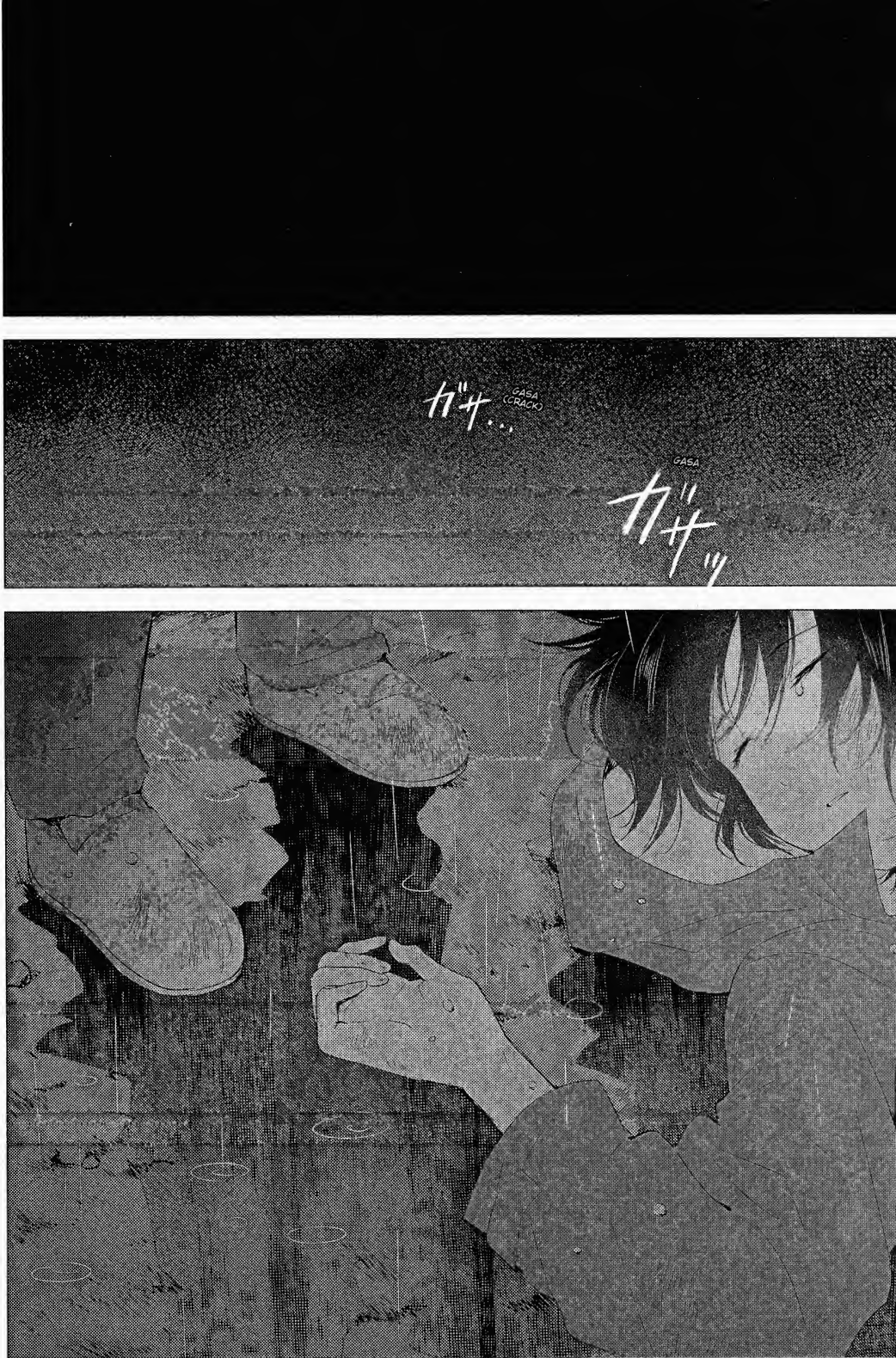
AME...
THAT'S RIGHT... AME'S MISSING.
AME.....
AME WILL BE FINE.

HE'LL BE FINE.
HE'S AN ADULT NOW.

HE FOUND HIS OWN WORLD.
.....
AN ADULT .....?
AME, YUKI.....
YOU BROUGHT THEM UP TO BE GREAT.

FURU (SHAKE)
FURU
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU, HANA.
SO...
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ANYMORE ...
...HANA.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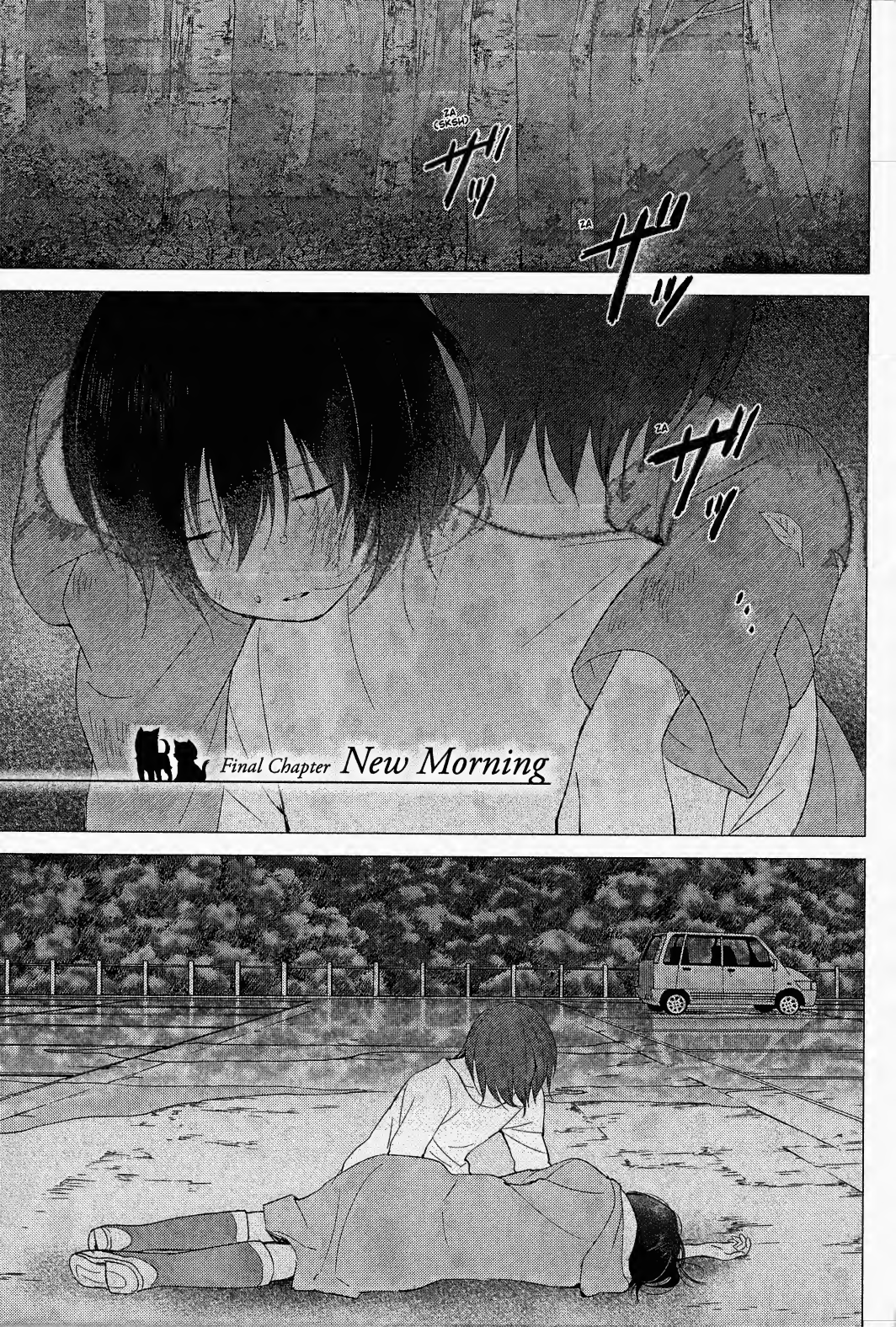
GASA (CRACK)
GASA
ガサッ


ZA (SKSH)
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Final Chapter New Morning

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UNH.....

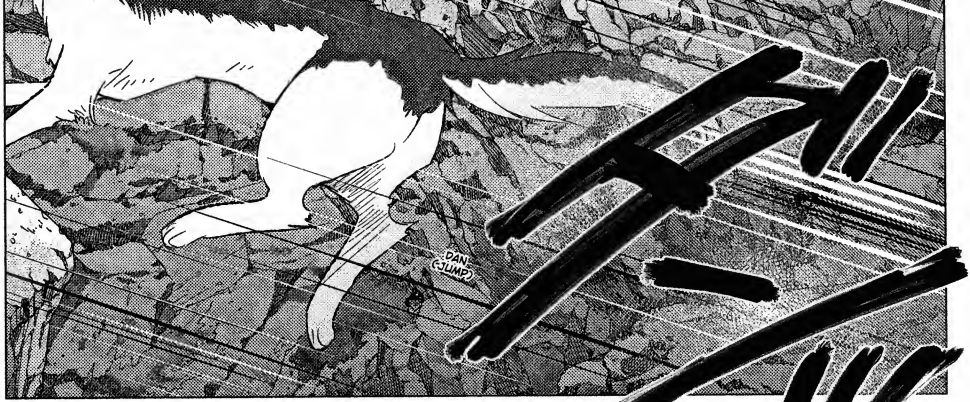
AME!!
.....
.....ARE YOU LEAVING .....?

.....
I JUST...
I STILL HAVEN'T...
I STILL HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING FOR YOU YET.

.....
I STILL..... HAVEN'T...
AND YET...

DA (LEAP)
AME!!!
WAIT.....
AME .....!!
SAN (KRSH)

AME.....
AME
.....!!


DAN!
(JUMP)

HOW COME WOLVES ARE ALWAYS THE BAD GUYS?
—MOMMY.
IF THEY'RE BAD...
...THEN I HATE WOLVES.

IT'S OKAY.
IT'S OKAY.
...I'LL ALWAYS BE...
...ON THE WOLVES' SIDE.
EVEN IF EVERYONE ELSE HATES THEM...

HOOOOOO
GHOWWWLS
.....TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF .....

BE STRONG AND LIVE WELL!!!

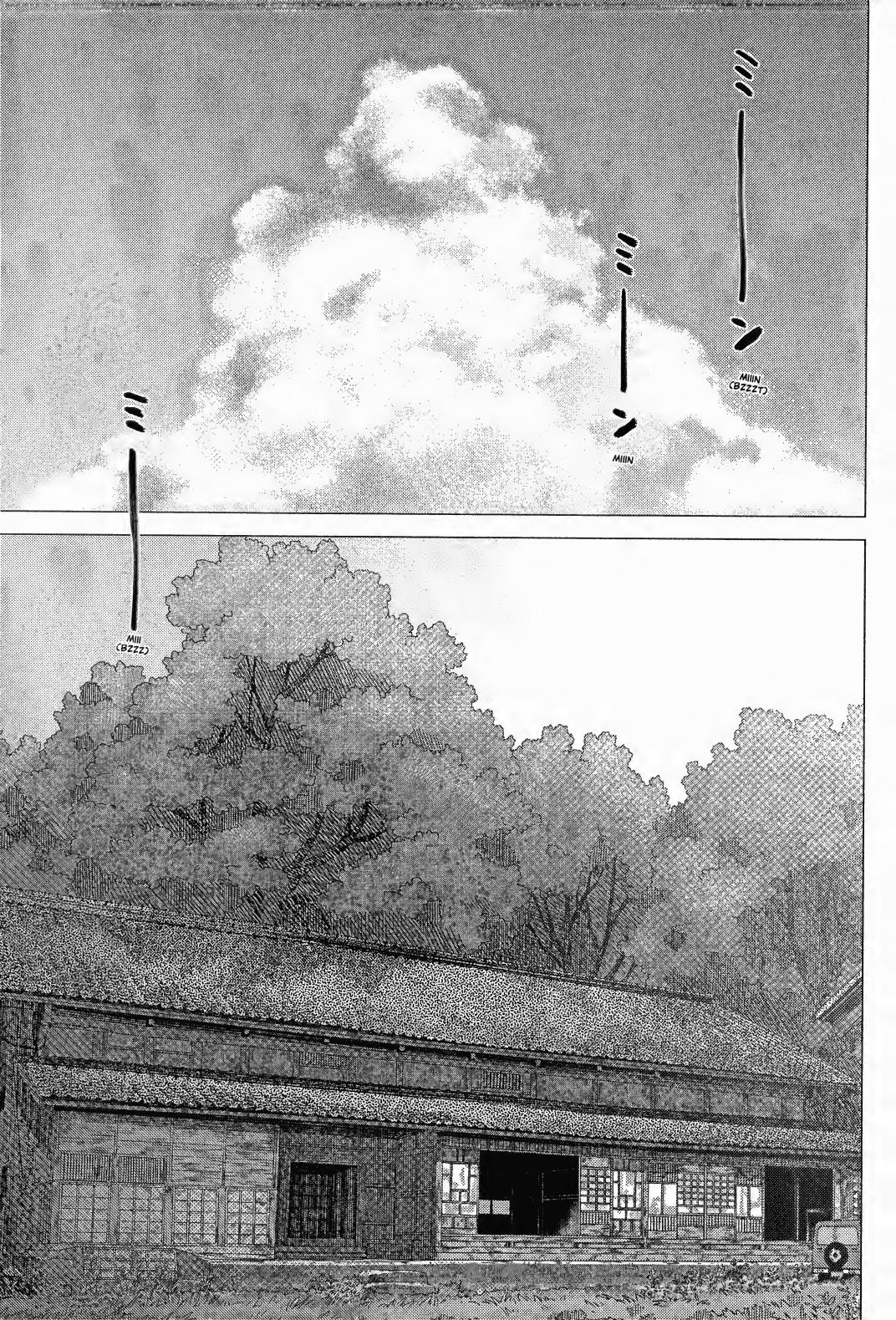
.....TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF .....
TA (DASH)

MY MOTHER SAID...
...THAT MORNING WAS ONE THAT SHE WOULD NEVER FORGET.

...AND THE SUN SHINING ON EVERYTHING, EVERYWHERE.
...THE CLEAR, PURE SKY...
...THE NEWLY WASHED SPIDER-WEBS...
THE FRESHLY CLEANED BEECH LEAVES...

It was like the whole world had been reborn in a single night...

...is what she thought.

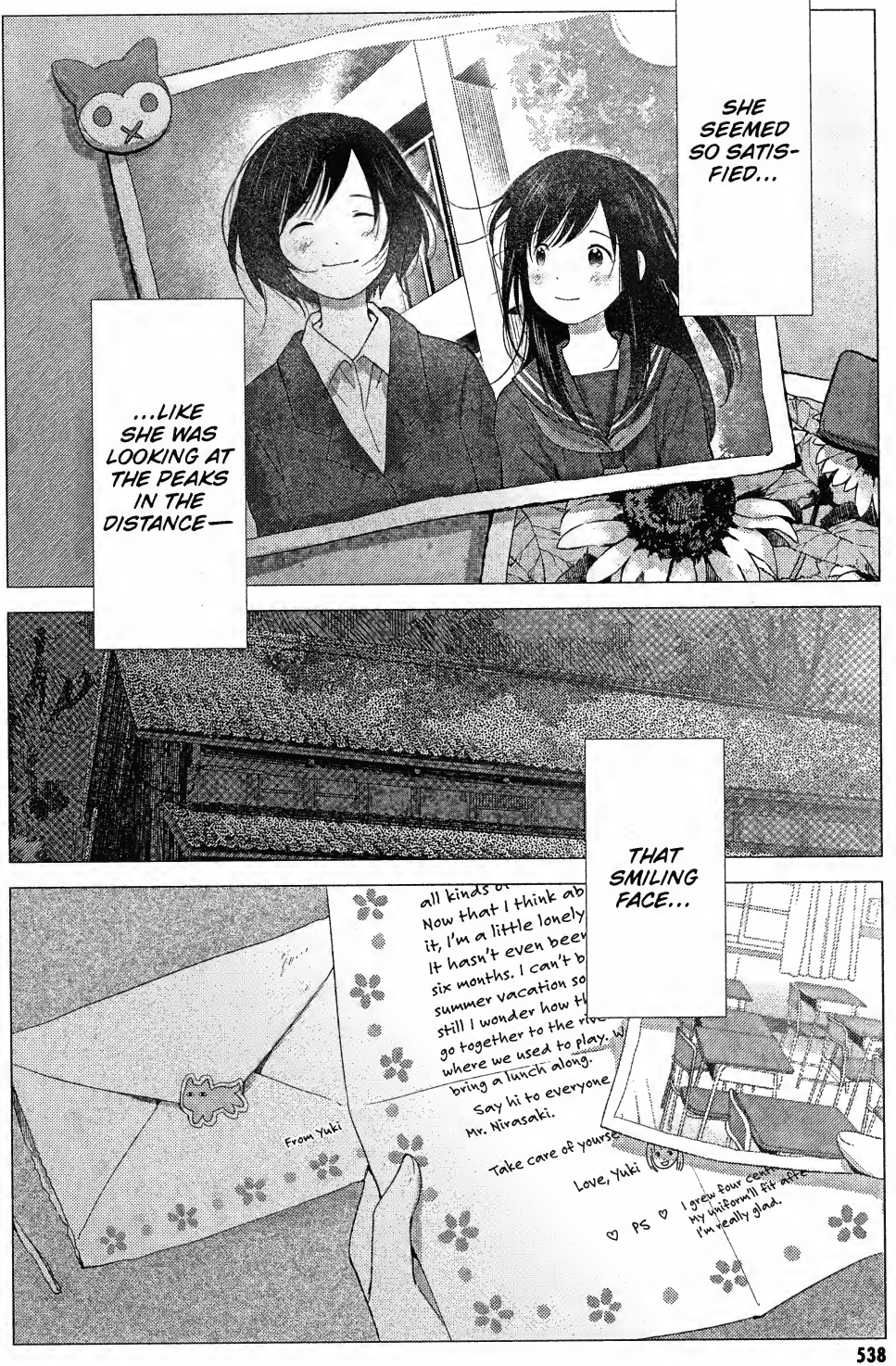

MIIIN
(BZZZZ)
MIIIN
MIII
(BZZZ)

THE NEXT YEAR...

SIGN: JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE CEREMONY

IT'S FINE.
YOU'LL GROW, AND SOON IT'LL FIT YOU LIKE A GLOVE.
SAA (FSH)
.....THESE TWELVE YEARS I'VE SPENT RAISING THE TWO OF YOU...

...IT WAS JUST THE BLINK OF AN EYE, LIKE A FAIRY TALE.
ON THE DAY OF THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY ...
...THAT'S WHAT MOM SAID AS SHE SMILED.


SHE SEEMED SO SATISFIED...
...LIKE SHE WAS LOOKING AT THE PEAKS IN THE DISTANCE—
THAT SMILING FACE...
From Yuki
Love, Yuki
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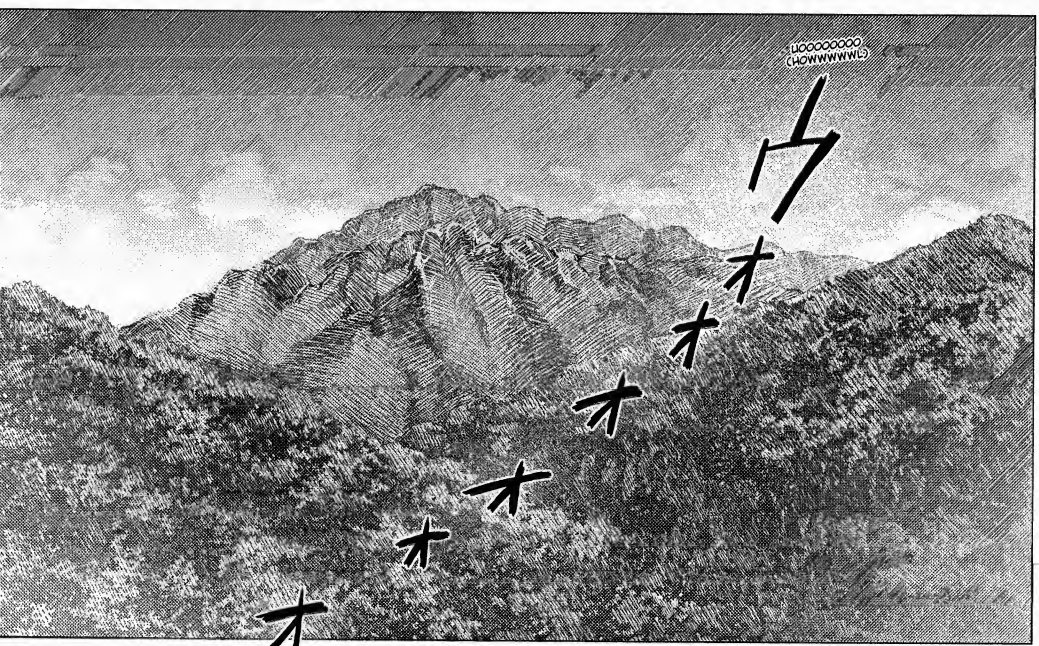

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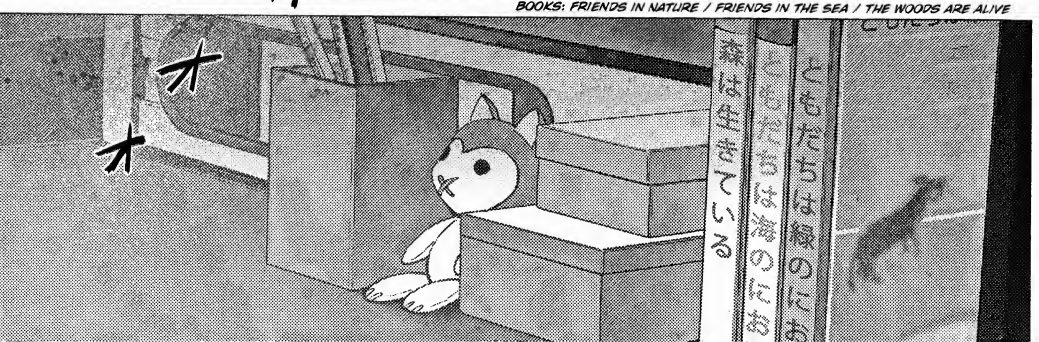

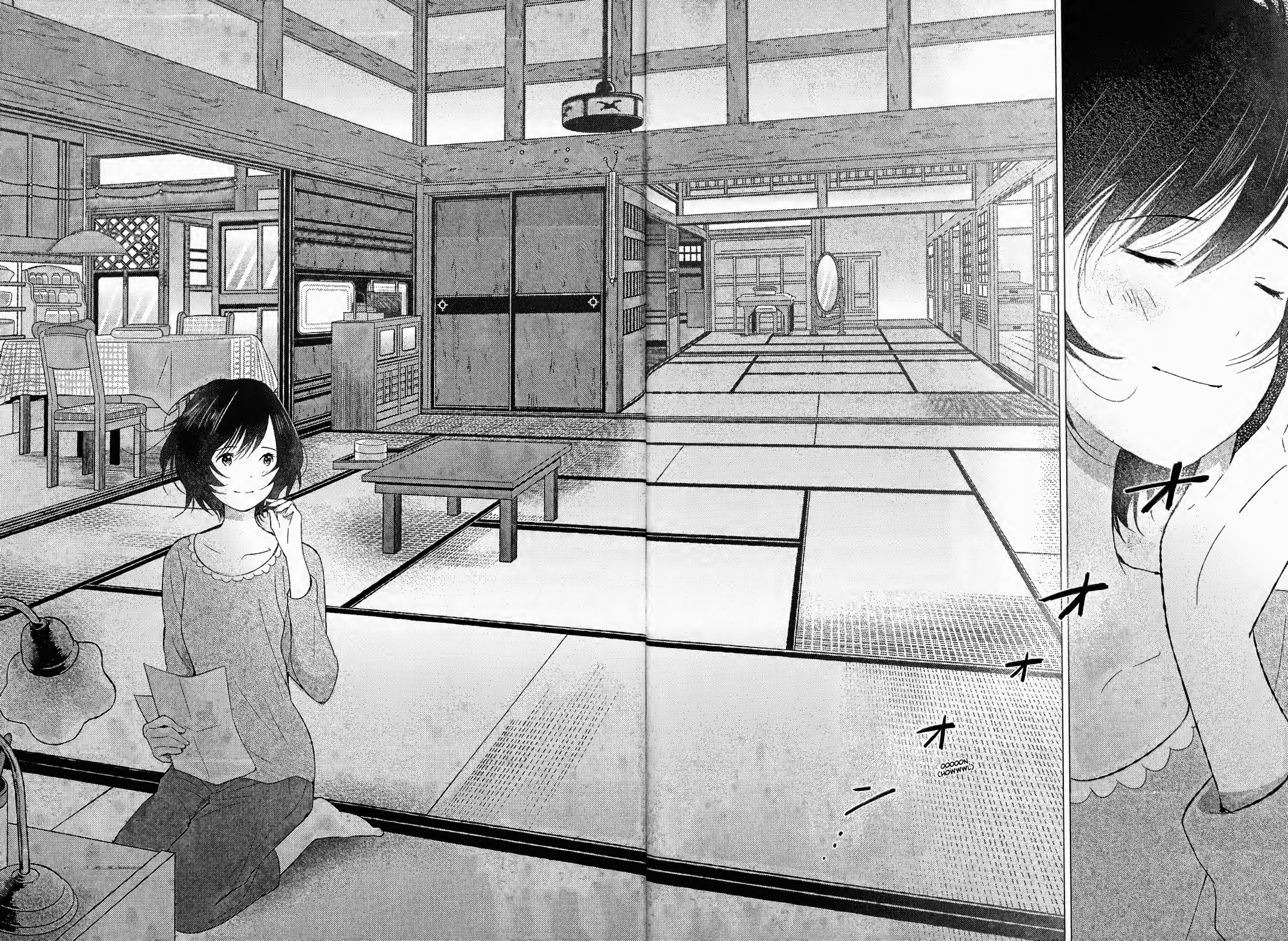
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OOOOOH (HOWWWL)

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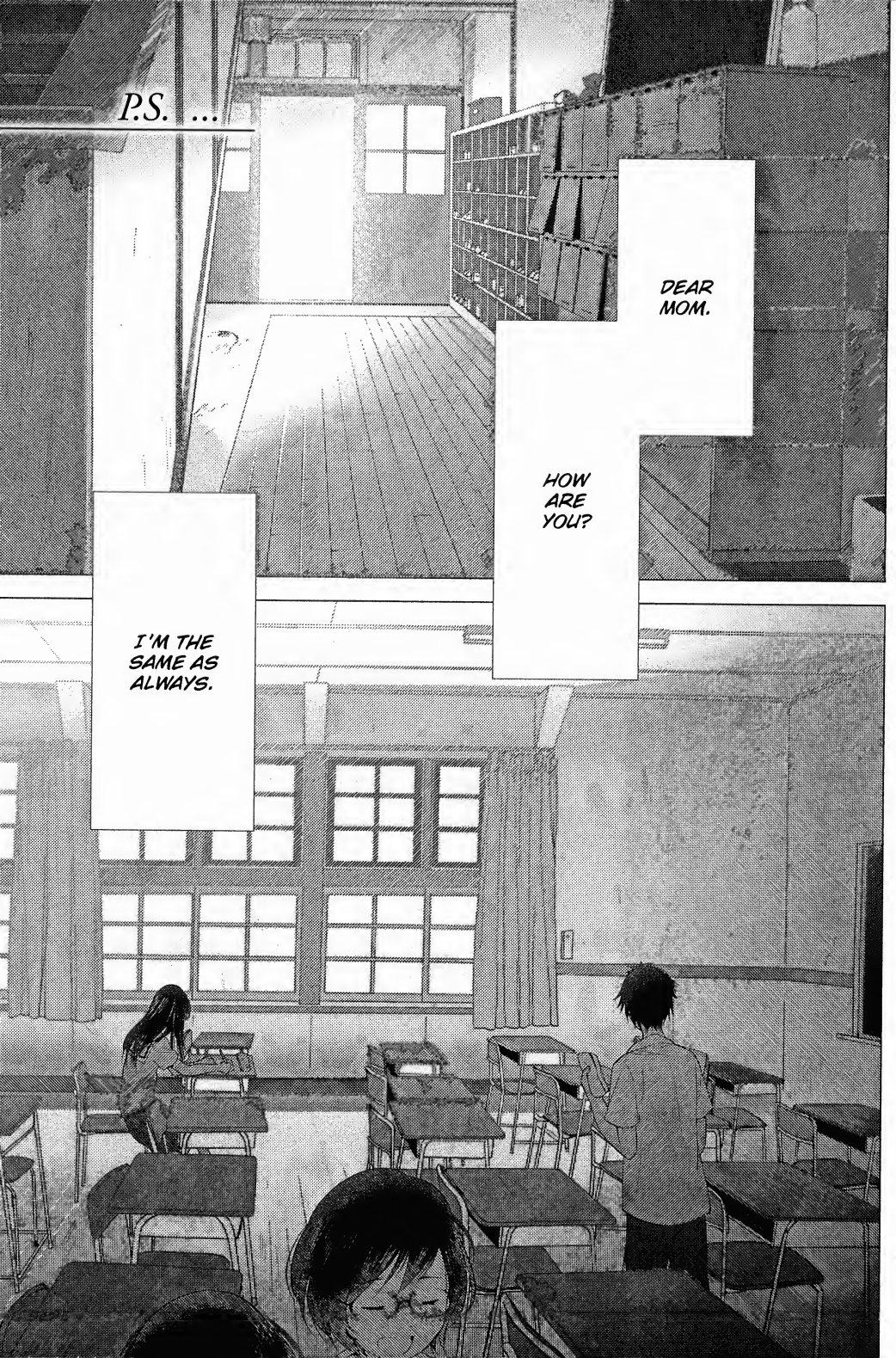
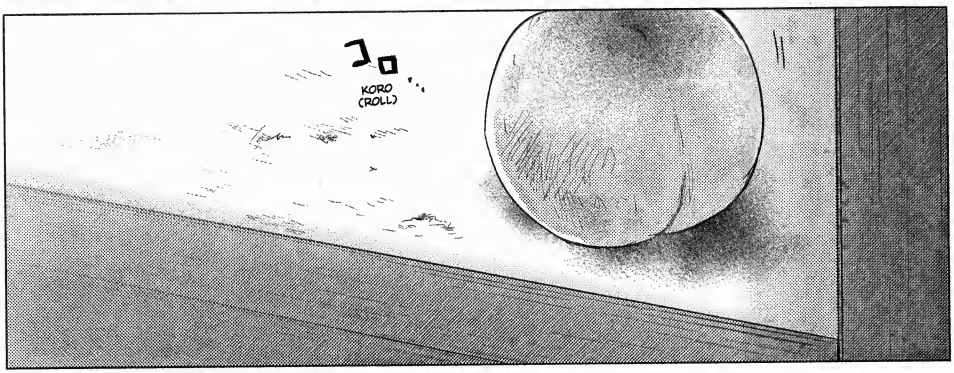
WOLF
CHILDREN
AME & YUKI


P.S. ...
DEAR MOM.
HOW ARE YOU?
I'M THE SAME AS ALWAYS.

Dear Mom,
How are you?
I'm the same as always.
SHINO-CHAN AND MY NEW FRIENDS...
...ARE REALLY NICE TO ME.
GATAN (CLATTER)
—AND...
YUKI!!
NEXT PERIOD'S IN THE SCIENCE LAB.
LET'S GO!!

SURE!
I WONDER HOW AME'S DOING?
SORRY!
HURRY, COME ON!
I HOPE HE'S DOING WELL.....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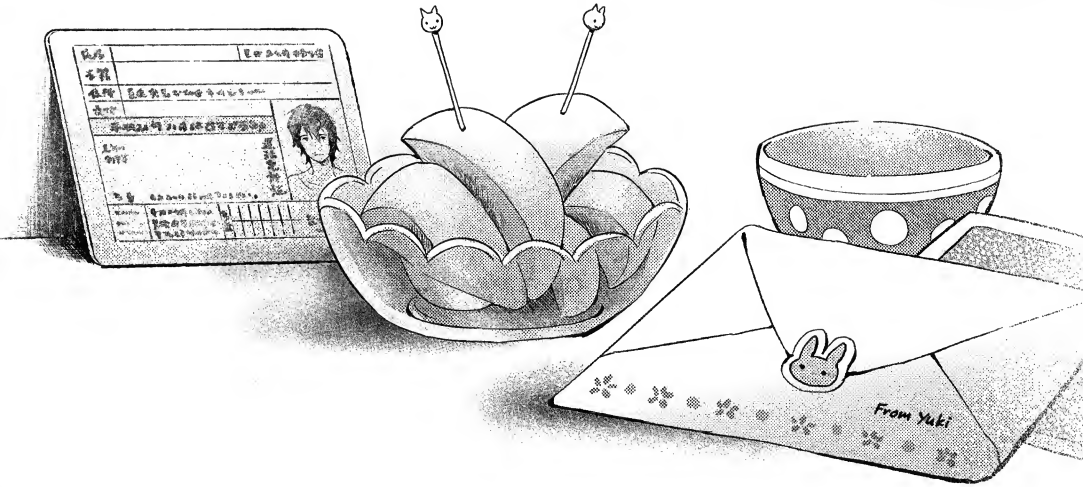
KORO
(ROLL)



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